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Happy Independence Day

U.S. TO RESUME STUDENT VISA PROCESSING IN FIVE METROS

US Consulates in New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Hyderabad will start processing visa requests from Monday

PRIORITY ON CLEARING BACKLOG

The processing will be on a limited basis. A statement by the US Embassy in New Delhi said, priority will be given to emergency student and exchange visitor appointments received before August 12. Public appointments will be offered thereafter. "Prospective students should seek an appointment no more than three weeks before their classes start," it said

PROCESSING COULD BE DELAYED

- "We will try to handle requests based on when we receive them and when classes will start," the statement said
- However, due to limited appointment availability, all requests may not be processed in time for the start of the fall semester
- Processing of others visas remain suspended due to Covid-19

25%

DROP EXPECTED IN FOREIGN STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT U.S. UNIVS THIS YEAR

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Bhushan guilty of contempt: SC

Activist-lawyer faces up to six months in jail; quantum of sentence on August 20

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday held activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan guilty of contempt of court for tweeting against the judiciary. The quantum of sentence will be decided on August 20. Bhushan faces a maximum sentence of six months in jail with fine.

"The attack on the Supreme Court does not only have the effect of tending an ordinary litigant of losing confidence in the SC, but may also tend to lose confidence in the minds of other judges in the country in its highest court," a bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra said.

The court discharged Twitter from contempt for publishing Bhushan's tweets, saying it accepts the microblogging website's explanation that it is only an intermediary.

Bhushan had posted two tweets, which the court found contemptuous. The first one, posted on June 27, criticised the functioning of the Supreme Court, while the second tweet posted two days later portrayed CJI S A Bobde in poor light.

Both tweets were taken down by Twitter after the SC issued contempt notice.

"Bhushan's tweets are based on distorted facts, amount to committing of criminal contempt. The tweets are not fair criticism of functioning of judiciary made in public interest. The scurrilous allegations, which are malicious in nature and have the tendency to scandalise the court, are not expected from a person, who is a lawyer of 30 years standing," said the bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra, B R Gavai and Krishna Murari.

In his defence, Bhushan argued he was only exercising his freedom of speech and that giving his opinion about the functioning of the apex court does not amount to contempt of court. **P8, 9**

Gehlot govt wins vote of confidence

RAJESH ASNANI @ jaipur

WITH the return of 19 dissident MLAs, led by Sachin Pilot, to the Congress party's fold, Ashok Gehlot government sailed through a vote of confidence in the Rajasthan Assembly on Friday

For Gehlot, establishing his majority in the Assembly was critical as it ensured the stability of his government for at least the next six months.

During the debate, Gehlot slammed the Centre for allegedly trying to topple his government.

"What was done in Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Madhya Pradesh? Elected governments are being toppled and democracy is in danger," Gehlot said.

Earlier, as the special Assembly session began, all eyes were on Pilot. He asserted at the outset that the party has the support of 107 MLAs in the 200-member House.

COUNCILLOR'S HUSBAND HELD OVER RIOT LINK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

ADDING grist to speculation about the involvement of political forces in Tuesday night's rioting and arson in Kaval Byrasandra, BBMP councillor Irshad Begum's husband Kaleem Pasha was arrested late on Thursday night. He is known to be close to former Home Minister and senior Congress leader K J George.

Earlier on Thursday, Pasha was seen with George when the latter visited the D J Halli police station. The Central Crime Branch police arrested Pasha late on Thursday night and are interrogating him for suspected links with the violence that led to the death of three people in police firing. Pulakeshi Nagar MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's house was also ransacked and set ablaze by the rioters. Seven police teams, led by Joint Commissioner of Police Sandeep Patil, are investigating the case.

With allegations on the involvement of local leaders getting shriller, George said there was no question of supporting or protecting anyone involved in the violence and arson. The police should conduct a detailed probe and take merciless action against those involved, he stressed. Stating it is not correct to politicise the violence, George said he had met senior officers on Thursday and asked them to take stern action against those involved. **P7**

EXPRESS READ

SPB, under treatment for Covid, critical: hospital

Chennai: Veteran playback singer S P Balasubrahmanyam, who tested positive for Covid-19, was in a critical condition after his health deteriorated, the private hospital treating him said on Friday. In the evening, his son SP Charan said his father was 'stable'.

Now order prescription medicines on Amazon

Bengaluru: E-commerce giant Amazon on Friday announced its foray into the online prescription medicines space in the country, with the launch of 'Amazon Pharmacy' in Bengaluru, which may be extended to other cities too. The platform already retails non-prescription, traditional Ayurvedic and Unani medicines under the Amazon healthstore category | **P2**

Pinarayi, seven Kerala ministers in quarantine

Tiruvananthapuram: Kerala chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, seven ministers and the DGP went into quarantine on Friday. They had visited the aircrash site at Karipur last week, where they came in contact with two officials who tested positive for Covid-19

RBI to pay ₹57,128 crore in dividend to Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India on Friday approved a dividend payout of ₹57,128 crore to the government for 2019-20. Last year, RBI had made a record payment of ₹1.76 lakh crore. While the latest payment is in line with Budget estimates, it may not be of great help as the government's fiscal deficit widened to ₹6.6 lakh crore by the June quarter.

"Along with the economy, tax revenues too have shrunk. While income from GST halved in the April-June quarter compared to the same period last year, income tax collections fell by 36% and taxes on corporates came in 23% short," said an official.The decision to transfer money to the government was taken at RBI's board meeting on Friday. The board also decided to maintain the central bank's contingency risk buffer (risk provisioning) at 5.5%.

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TRACKING COVID-19

In a move to decentralise Covid-19 management, BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad and Mayor M Goutham Kumar launched Blcares.in on Friday, where NGOs, citizens and retired government officials can register as booth-level volunteers to help authorities

6,940 NEW RECOVERIES

1,28,182 TOTAL RECOVERED

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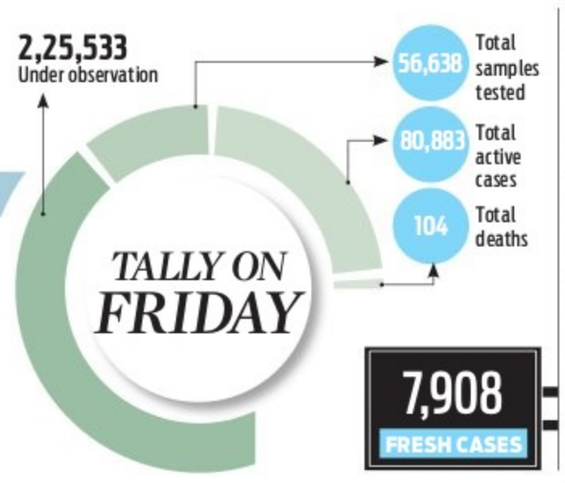
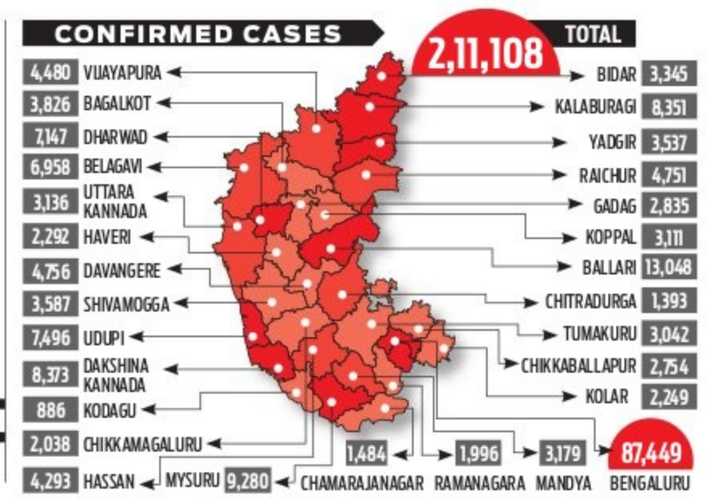
104 Arogya Sahayavani will function too





BOUNCING BACK

VIRUS GROWTH RATE ON A DOWNWARD SPIRAL

Report refers to a 30-day moving growth rate in Karnataka

RANJANI MADHAVAN AND IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

A 'Red Alert' banner has been put up near Nagarwara on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

THOUGH there has been a rise in Covid cases in the state, there is a 'downward trend' of the disease, and an increase in the doubling period, if one were to go by the moving growth rate (MGR), revealed a report by Dr Giridhara R Babu, member, state Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee.

Titled 'Covid Management: Karnataka is bouncing back', the report refers to a 30-day MGR.

"The MGR is commonly used to smooth out short-term fluctuations and highlight long-term trends. This is generally used in conjunction with time. In a pandemic, a decrease in MGR indicates a downtrend in the disease," the report reads.

The report uses data between July 4 and August 8. The 30-day moving positivity growth rate for Karnataka starts at 216%, increases to 400% and declines to 189%. The 30-day moving active cases growth rate for Karnataka starts at 287%, moves to 725% and declines to 118%. The 30-day moving fatality growth rate for the state starts at 309%, hikes to 552%, and declines to 148%.

The MGR figures for positivity, active cases and fatalities show a similar declining trend for Bengaluru, Mysuru and Bidar.

Dr Babu, Head of Life-course Epidemiology at Public Health Foundation of India, said, "Karnataka's 30-day moving positivity growth rate has come down from 400 to 189, which is a positive sign. This indicates that testing has been increasing, isolation of patients is quick, and contact tracing is happening too. As compared to the rest of India, Karnataka is doing well."

For example, for 30-day moving positivity growth rate, Bengaluru starts at 1,188%, jumps to 1,467%, and declines to 144%. The same figures for Mysuru starts at 91%, rises to 1,110% and reduces to 353%. For Bidar, it starts at 107%, increases to 146% and comes down to 113%.

MGR for active cases in the city starts at 2,172%, reduces to 1,960% and then drops to 50%. In Mysuru, it begins with 730%, grows to 937% and comes down to 342%.

For Bidar, the figures are 32%, hike to 601% and drop to 60%.

'2k new medicos may soon join Covid fight'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AS many as 2,000 post-graduate medical doctors will be shortly available to boost the Covid fight across the state, said Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar. At the inauguration of a Covid testing lab and ceremony for post-graduate orientation classes at BGS Global Hospital near Kengeri on Friday, he said the PG medical results will be declared in a couple of days and the medicos will undergo internships. After that, they can boost the Covid fight in the state.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has done extremely well in containing Covid-19. Compared to the US and other western countries, India lacks medical infrastructure, but still we have managed to keep the mortality rate very low," the minister said.

Addressing the medicos, he said that doctors should keep their professional ethics and values always high.

"The Adichunchanagiri Trust has over 500 educational branches all over the country and is providing quality education besides giving food and shelter to the poor and eligible students. This has become possible under the visionary leadership of Paramapujya Shri Shri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji and hard work of Paramapujya Shri Shri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji," the Minister said. Shri Shri Prakashanatha Swamiji, managing director of BGS GIMS, Dr Mohan, GIMS principal were present.

Now, get prescription drugs online at Amazon's newly-launched pharmacy

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

E-COMMERCE giant Amazon has ventured into the online medicine space in India, with the launch of 'Amazon Pharmacy' in Bengaluru. The service is likely to be extended to other cities. Apart from the non-prescription, traditional Ayurvedic/ Unani medicines that were available on the platform under Amazon Healthstore category, the e-tailer will now sell prescription medicines. "As part of our commitment to fulfil the needs of customers, we are launching Amazon Pharmacy in Bengaluru, allowing customers to order prescription-based medication in addition to over-the-counter medicines, basic health devices and Ayurveda medication from certified sellers. This is particularly relevant in present times, as it will help customers meet their essential needs while staying safe at home," Amazon India said in response to an emailed query.

Amazon Pharmacy is already operational in countries including the United States, United Kingdom and Canada. In the US, Amazon acquired an e-pharma startup, PillPack, three years ago to gain access to the growing market. In India, the e-pharma market has witnessed further consolidation with mergers and acquisitions in the space.

The online pharmacy sector, which is poised to reach $2.7 billion by 2023, according to an EY report is currently dominated by startups like 1Mg, Pharmeasy, Netmeds, Medlife, among others. E-pharmacies have driven sales through omni-channel commerce by either having their own physical stores or tying up with registered brick-and-mortar stores.

Bengaluru-based Medlife recently acquired Myra, a two-hour medicine delivery service whereas another major player, Netmeds, had acquired an online doctor consultation app, JustDoc. Besides, Reliance was also reportedly in talks with Chennai-based Netmeds to acquire a controlling stake in the firm.

Besides M&As, e-pharmacies have also added a host of features like doctor consultations, voice assistants and diagnostics, among others. Although India doesn't have a separate law for the e-pharma sector, draft rules state that the retailers need to have a valid licence.

COVID WATCH

Remdesivir now in pvt hospitals

The State government, which has been supplying Remdesivir injections to government hospitals, have now decided to provide it to private hospital patients, who are admitted under government's quota. A circular issued by the state government said that private hospitals should raise a demand for the injection at Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST). ENS

No processions for Chaturthi

With the number of Covid-19 cases continuing to surge, the State government on Friday issued guidelines prohibiting installation of Ganesha idols in public places, and taking out processions for immersion of idols. The notification stated that people can celebrate the festival in temples or their homes, and appealed to them to strictly follow Covid guidelines. They also issued guidelines prohibiting public gathering or processions during Muharram, from Aug 21 to 30. ENS

DESPITE INCREASING CASES, RWAs DEMAND RELAXATION OF RULES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THOUGH the number of Covid cases are rising, members of various resident welfare associations (RWAs) are demanding that restrictions within containment zones be relaxed.

At a virtual conference with BBMP officials, RWAs demanded relaxations in containment zones and opening facilities in apartment complexes. Officials are now brainstorming ways to allow those under home quarantine to go to work, but with a stamp.

"RWA members said it was becoming difficult to manage work while under home quarantine. We are contemplating letting contacts of interstate, inter-district and international travellers under home quarantine to step out of homes with a stamp on their hand. However, people will have to strictly follow all rules," said a senior BBMP official.

An official order will be issued after government's approval.

"Broadly, four major points were discussed - home quarantine for those coming from other districts, states and countries; aggressive testing; opening up of apartment facilities such as swimming pools, gyms and sporting areas; and how to deal with pets. Each subject is being discussed in details. However, quarantine rules for Covid patients and their contacts won't be relaxed," the official told TNIE.

RWA members were also informed that 20-50-bed hospitals were being arranged at the nearest primary health centre.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

15th August : The extravagant relationship between the Sun and excitable Uranus raises new hopes and fresh possibilities. In particular, many people will be in an idealistic mood - and prepared to fight for their beliefs. This can be a good thing, but only if we all respect each other's positions.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

Some people say that you can't gain without some pain! However, when all is said and done there is little to stop you from enjoying yourself. In point of fact, four uncompromising planets are lined up with the regions of your solar chart signifying creative expression and self-indulgence. Go for it!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

While it is true that the general planetary trends are on your side, I do feel that this is the time for measured responses. In spite of what astrologers often claim, you can blow up, but this is perhaps not the best time to do so. There's nothing to be gained from blaming the first person who crosses your path.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You should listen to other people instead of lecturing them. When partners are given a fair hearing, they may contribute some extremely useful advice. It is now the moment for you to realise that your ideas must be backed up with true facts. The time for bluff is over.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The financial situation is looking more and more favourable, although you would be foolish to take a large risk. You must always keep sufficient in reserve to cope with any contingencies. You might do well from mixing business with pleasure.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

You may either be putting in some overtime, or otherwise doing more than is necessary. But don't forget important leisure activities; stay active, keep moving and take steps to develop a new interest. If you go for a confrontation, you must take your share of the responsibility.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

You can fulfil your social engagements if you wish, but your stars are looking so monastic that the ideal way to spend the next few days would be far away on a spiritual retreat. One way or another, you must make more time for yourself, but family members overseas do offer a fruitful point of contact.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Leaving to one side more profound issues, this is a day for retail-therapy, window-shopping, browsing through catalogues and generally involving yourself in the consumer society. A generous gesture will help happy social gatherings go with a swing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

What transpires between now and eight weeks' time will totally transform many of your opinions and attitudes - and some of your decisions. Hopefully, a few hard knocks will also help you smarten up your act and enable you to see just how well-off you are in many respects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Part of your horoscope is shouting about fun, another is pulling you towards spiritual and philosophical dimensions. The solution would seem to be to enjoy yourself but never lose sight of the meaning of life. A loved one from far away is about to get in touch, so wait for the news to arrive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

There is some way to go before you need experience any further shake-up. I know that some of you are still feeling bewildered and confused, but such feelings will pass, especially if you realise that you must get on with ordinary life. Plus, someone will surprise you by coming up with the best advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

While it's true to say that your solar chart is generally light-hearted, this is a very appropriate moment for serious discussions and important choices which will affect your practical affairs for a very long time indeed. A partner has the answer to an old question - if only they knew it!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

It's a thoroughly useful period, and the most helpful thing you can do for yourself is sit down, have a good, hard think, and talk to people about all practical matters involving home and work. There are arrangements to make which can be deferred no longer.

THE PHANTOM

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HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT DAISY SEEMS MELANCHOLY LATELY?
I'LL BET SHE'S SAD BECAUSE THE GRASS IS SO TALL
WHAT DOES THE GRASS HAVE TO DO WITH HER MOOD?
YOU KNOW SHE HATES TO WALK IN IT WHEN IT'S OUT OF CONTROL
WHAT'S THAT SMUG LOOK ALL ABOUT?
BRRRRR

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

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SUDOKU

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EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

8	1	6	4	3	5	9	7	2
4	2	3	7	9	1	5	6	8
7	9	5	6	2	8	1	3	4
3	5	9	8	1	2	6	4	7
6	4	8	3	7	9	2	1	5
2	7	1	5	6	4	3	8	9
9	8	4	1	5	3	7	2	6
1	6	2	9	4	7	8	5	3
5	3	7	2	8	6	4	9	1

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BILAI

ANCET

TONTGE

PMULME

This is the moment you've been fighting for! Are you ready?
I'm ready!
And in this corner, the challenger...
THE BOXER WAS FINALLY GIVEN A SHOT AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP, AND IT WAS ---
5 19

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: " - " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FLUNG DRIFT ONWARD NOODLE
Answer: The initial investors in the new skyscraper were able to get in on the — GROUND FLOOR

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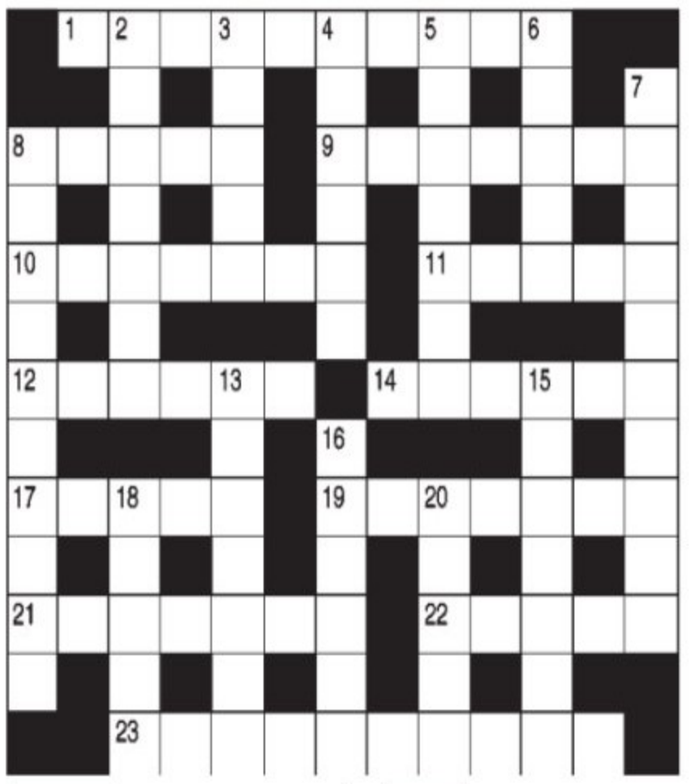
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Final move of vice-consul (10)
8 Left port carrying cargo (5)
9 The only luggage that one needs? (7)
10 Tramples relative underfoot? (7)
11 Outfit obtained with rise (3-2)
12 She's great, but far from attractive (6)
14 Make an enlargement of an explosion (4-2)
17 Placing of the winner may create rifts (5)
19 Waiting in a large shop (2,5)
21 It can be made to display china (7)
22 A spirited harp player? (5)
23 Sixty to the minute? Not so good (6-4)

DOWN

2 It came to a timely end last December (3,4)
3 Figures it's only one among hundreds (5)
4 New haunts off the French coast (6)
5 It's not allowed to get Gill confused with ale (7)
6 Precise demand (5)
7 Friends turn up to dinner - an ample feast! (4-2,4)
8 Humiliation without recognisable features? (4,2,4)
13 Cast in a devilish mould (7)
15 Sort of iron that's manufactured (7)
16 Replace points in a car engine (6)
18 Puzzle concerning public transport (5)
20 Steps look sound (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Excise, 4 Parson, 9 Procure, 10 Ad-lib, 11 Resit, 12 Eyeball, 13 Reserve team, 18 Eyebrow, 20 Polka, 22 Slang, 23 Lying-in, 24 Sleuth, 25 Letter.

Down: 1 Export, 2 Chops, 3 Scuttle, 5 Agate, 6 Sultana, 7 Nubile, 8 Deserve well, 14 Elevate, 15 Topside, 16 Census, 17 Banner, 19 Right, 21 Light.

19 cops from state honoured with Prez medal

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A total of 19 police personnel from the state have been conferred with the President's Police Medal on the occasion of Independence Day.

V L N Prasanna Kumar, ASI, Criminal Investigation Department, has been honoured with the medal for distinguished service.

The others are: R Hemanth Kumar, DySP, Special Investigation Team, Lokayukta; Parameshwar Hegde, DySP, CID; R Manjunath, DySP, ACB, Mandya; H M Shailendra, DySP, Kodagu; Arun Nagegowda, DySP, Mandya; H M Satish, ACP; H B Ramesh Kumar, DySP, intelligence, Bengaluru; Umesh, DySP (Armed), Police Training School, Mysuru; C N Diwakar, Circle Police Inspector, Kodagu; G N Rudresh, Special Reserve Police Inspector, KSRP, Bengaluru; B A Lakshminarayan, SI, City Special Branch, Bengaluru; M H Chandekar, special reserve SI, KSRP, Bengaluru; K Jayapra-kash, PSI, Mangaluru; H Nanjundaiah ASI, Chikkaballapur; Atheeq Ur Rahman, ASI, Shivamogga; Ramanjanaiah, ASI, Tumakuru, R N Balikai, ASI, Haveri, and K Honnappa, head constable, Bengaluru Rural.

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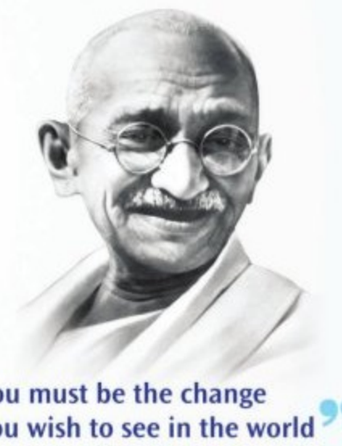

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Hon'ble Chief Minister, Karnataka

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K'TAKA CONNECT WITH FREEDOM STRUGGLE

Premier institute of learning

The brainchild of businessman and philanthropist Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata, the Indian Institute of Science was conceived in the late 1800s. He set up a provisional committee under the leadership of Burjorji Padshah, an educationist, to come up with a blueprint. He also endowed a substantial part of his personal wealth for this project.

Unfortunately, Tata died in 1904, well before the institute came into existence. It was eventually established, through a vesting order passed May 27, 1909 by the British Indian Government in Bengaluru on land donated by the Mysore Durbar. The Institute, which started with just two departments – General and Applied Chemistry and Electrical Technology – today has over 40 departments. It also has a new campus at Challakere in Chitradurga district.

B'luru home to DRDO labs

Not just the PSUs, Bengaluru is home to number of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) laboratories, mostly working in defence aeronautics, radar, engine and related technologies. While Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE) which works on military radars and related technologies was among the first DRDO laboratories to be set up in Bengaluru in 1958, a number of other DRDO laboratories have been subsequently established in the city.

Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), Gas Turbine Research Centre (GTRC) and Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS), Defence Avionics and Research Establishment (DARE) are some of them.

Reaching for the skies

Much before Information Technology put Bengaluru on the global map, defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) had propelled the city and the country on the global aviation map. Among the few big institutions founded before Independence, the defence and aviation bellwether continues to play pivotal role in the country's defence preparedness. In 1940, Seth Walchand Hirachand founded Hindustan Aircraft Limited, supported by Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV. From the first indigenous designed and developed trainer aircraft Hindustan Trainer-2 that was used by the Indian Air Force for several decades to manufacturing the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), the PSU grew to keep pace with the requirement of the Armed Forces.

Ringing in the change

Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) Ltd was the first Public Sector Undertaking established after Independence. The PSU in telecommunications technology segment, established as a departmental factory in 1948, was manufacturing a diverse range of information and communication products. ITI, HAL and other PSUs were among the major sources of employment in Bengaluru for many decades before information technology, textiles and other sectors grew tremendously in the last few decades.

It had over 19,000 employees in Bengaluru — and over 35,000 across India — on its rolls during its hey days in the 1980s. Unable to withstand competition from foreign firms post liberalisation, it became sick in 2004. However, after being in red for over 16 years, it is now on revival mode.

A COLOURFUL SALUTE

Sapthagiri College of Engineering organised Trivarna Utsav 2020 and felicitated Covid warriors on the eve of Independence day, in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The Tricolour was designed using around 4,000 kg of salt, 400 kg flowers, and 250 kg colours by 100-150 faculty and students who worked on it for three days | EXPRESS

Non-Cooperation Movement was Udupi's first mass struggle

PRAKASH SAMAGA @Udupi

THE people of Udupi have played a significant role in the Non-Cooperation Movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi in August 1920. For Udupi, this was the first mass movement wherein locals actively took part in large numbers. The early meetings were held on the rocks at Ajjarakad and Mukund Nivas. Later on, public meetings were held at Car Street of Sri Krishna Mutt.

During the Non-Cooperation Movement, Hiriyadka Ramaraya Mallya had started 'Satyagrahi', a cyclostyled newspaper of nationalist temper. Its editors and the team had to face tough penal action by the government.

As there was a call to withdraw students from government-controlled or aided schools during the Non-Cooperation Movement, many nationalist schools were started in Udupi after September 1920. Likewise, lawyers boycotted courts and foreign-made clothes were dumped in bonfires. Among the prominent people who took part in the movement were R S Shenai, Santyaru Ananthapadmanabha Bhat, Kubera Panduranga Rao, S U Paniyadi, Tonse Mukunda Pai, M Vittal Kamath, Satyamitra Bangera, Kochikar Pandurang Pai, Nayampalli Anand Rao, Udupi Govind Rao, A V Baliga, Tonse Raghunath Pai, Tonse Upendra Pai and Nanalal Govindji.

Mahatma Gandhi at Udyavara enroute to Udupi in 1934, as part of 'Harijan Tour'

The Salt Satyagraha was observed in Udupi from April 13, 1930. It was launched with a massive gathering of Satyagrahis marching from Car Street to the sea shore at Vadabhandeshwara in Malpe.

In August 1942, the tempo of the just-launched Quit India Movement reached a high in Udupi. A young man named U Shesha had defied the curfew and hoisted the Tricolour on the 40-foot high monolith pillar of Sri Anantheshwara Temple in Udupi, according to U Vineeth Rao, researcher, Gandhian Study and Research Center, MGM College, Udupi.

THE MANY IDEAS OF INDEPENDENCE

The freedom struggle had various hues, dimensions and novelties. There were extremists, moderates and revolutionaries, and then there was Gandhiji with his mantra of Satyagraha and noncooperation. Today, when I look at violent clashes and protests, I feel all the more need for the principles of Satyagraha. We are a free country, but that doesn't mean we are free to destroy property that belongs to all of us. Freedom becomes meaningful in the context of responsibility.

— D Roopa Moudgil, Home Secretary

Freedom means varied things to different people and to some, perhaps, it means nothing at all beyond being 'another word for nothing left to lose', as Kris Kristofferson so poignantly sang in 'Me and Bobby McGee'. The specific freedom scientists value is academic freedom. They crave freedom from day-to-day pettiness and desire of governments or quick-fixes to myriad social problems

— Amitabh Joshi, Prof, Evolutionary and Organismal Biology, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bengaluru

Freedom for me is having dignity in life without discrimination or barriers — to have the choice in life to exist. Freedom is connected to our rights and we shouldn't have to beg to have a decent livelihood. It has a lot to do with economic and cultural freedom as well. Freedom has to be for the entire society. Otherwise, one's individual freedom will trample on others. Working in slums and for women was something I wanted to do and a risk I was willing to take.

— Geeta Menon, homemaker, activist

I belong to a generation that didn't get to witness the Independence struggle. My great grandfather B D Jatti (former Vice-President of India) instilled morals of patriotism in me. I learnt that we must protect our Constitution, express ourselves freely and always remember our freedom fighters. To BSC, freedom means to voice student opinions without any barriers. There have been instances where the capabilities of students were doubted. But our goal remains firm.

— Dhruv Jatti, Bangalore Student Community, founding team member

For the defence forces, national and territorial sovereignty are of prime importance. We swear by the Constitution when we join the Armed Forces, and our loyalty and faith are towards India and its sovereignty. The Armed forces are a microcosm of the rest of India. There are 15 lakh defence personnel, who come from the nook and corner of the country, and 32 lakh defence pensioners. Naam, Namak, Nishan of the country (name, salt and image) are the catchwords of the Indian Armed Forces

— Rakesh Sharma, Lt General (Retd)

Freedom means allowing doctors to treat patients with the best of their abilities. Doctors also need freedom from violence inflicted by patients' families. It takes 6.5 years to become an MBBS doctor, 10 years for postgraduation and 13-14 years to become a superspecialist. Which doctor will not treat a patient to the best of his or her abilities? We need independence from being judged wrongly by the public and media

— Dr Smitha S Segu, Head of Unit, Plastic Surgery, and Nodal officer for Covid, BMRCI

Freedom has all the more meaning now, after lockdowns and quarantine. There should be freedom from paying hefty sums for education and health services. Even the lowest strata of society should have the power and representation in the government, which is what the BJP is doing by sending representatives from small communities to Parliament. The country needs freedom to think freely and be intellectually independent, which the new education policy will ensure

— M A Mohan, a BJP worker

First village that declared itself independent

ARPITHA I @Shivamogga

"HOUSES of freedom fighters in this village were burnt, women were raped and over a hundred people were arrested. Five freedom fighters were hanged and the rest were punished with death sentences," said N S Satish Chandra, the grandson of freedom fighter N S Huchhrayaappa from Isuru village in Shivamogga.

It was the first village to declare itself independent in 1942. When a village officer came for collection of taxes on September 25, his registers were seized by the village youth. The next day, the villagers put up a board declaring that it was a freedom village.

"When the amaldar and inspector came here, the villagers insisted that they wear Gandhi caps. In the duel, villagers killed both the officers," he said. The British seized the village and hanged Gurappa, Jinahalli Mallappa, Suryanarayanachar, Badakalli Halappa and Goudru Shankarappa.

When women power came to the fore

Many women in Karnataka were at the forefront of freedom movement, even spearheading revivalism

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NOT just warrior queens, even women from modest backgrounds led many movements for freedom in Karnataka.

Gowramma Venkata Ramaiah was at the forefront of the 'No-tax campaign', Yashodara Dasappa was a prominent force behind the Shivapuri flag Satyagraha on April 9, 1938 and Umabai Kundapur was the founder of Bhagini Mandal that educated girls and sheltered freedom fighters. Also, Leelavathi Magadi, Shakuntala Kurthakoti and Nagamma Patil were some of the other women who contributed to the Independence struggle.

Rani Chennamma, the queen from the Nayaka dynasty of Kittur, defied the British by rejecting their Doctrine of Lapse, where she had to handover her territory to the British after the death of her husband and son in 1824. After defeating the British once, she had reached an agreement with them that the war would cease. But they continued to mount attacks on Kittur. In her second war with them, she fought valiantly but was captured and jailed in Bailahongal. She died in captivity but her lieutenant Sangolli Rayanna fought till his capture and death.

Touted as India's first woman freedom fighter, Rani Abbakka Chowta is famously referred to as 'Abhaya Rani' for consistently overpowering the Portuguese over four decades. Despite ruling a fairly small region, Rani Abbakka refused to yield to the mighty Portuguese or pay permit to trade in the Indian Ocean with the Arabs. Even when they captured Goa and Mangaluru port, she stood firm and defended her Ullal port.

GUEST COLUMN

What Freedom means ...

FREEDOM means every life form's right to survive, thrive, multiply; and for me, to have the right to claim my share of the resources of nature and the collective of human knowledge, power and enterprise, to survive and thrive.

Freedom means to have the right to try to live as well as I can, even if it means I take more than the next woman or man, or yield to the other, provided we start with equal opportunities.

Freedom means the equal right of negotiation to stake claim to survive and thrive. Freedom is the right to the means to enforce the terms of contract we make with each other as humans, or with the state as citizens. It means a claim to the right of equality before law, to argue and obtain a change of law if it fails the test of time and context.

Freedom means the right to argue against wrong, even when it has sanction of the majority vote. It means the establishment of a code of inviolable principle and unalterable law, to keep the dharma of contract with nature, to hold in trust what we receive when we are born and make it all better, but never leave it worse than before. When we have broken that contract with nature, as we have done now, freedom means to be able to enforce that contract on the unthinking, uncaring majority.

Prakash Belawadi

Freedom is to claim that nothing is more sacred than the right of life, beyond rules of state or transaction. In simple terms, delivering justice to any one must be subordinated to the keeping of justice with all -- nature and community.

Freedom also means to own the dharma of contract with belief in the indiscernible, provided that each one of us is allowed to claim it as much as the next woman or man.

Finally, freedom is the right to ask questions and seek answers, to let humans own the unquenchable quest to know more than is known, to speculate and experiment, provided it keeps faith with the dharma of contract that shall allow all beings to survive, thrive and multiply. This seems hard, but this is all we can live by.

The author is a well-known threatre artiste and actor

What have we built for people who build our cities?

POST-INDEPENDENCE, several dams, highways and factories have been set up in our country. We deem them 'indicators of development'. But whatever happened to the people who lost their land and livelihood to these developmental projects? These people who, until recently, had mastered the skills of herding cattle, farming, devising means to protect their lives from flood or drought have abruptly lost their expertise. All because their lands were acquired overnight for developmental projects. The 'compensation' given to these people is minuscule and barely lasts. Once landowners, they are pushed to find newer means of livelihood.

The situation of landless Dalit farm labourers is even worse. They are left with neither compensation nor a livelihood, compelling them to migrate to cities. The worst affected, however, are forest-dwelling tribes, who follow 'community land ownership'. If their land is acquired, it is a herculean task to get even that minuscule compensation for lack of ownership documents. However, things have improved after 'The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006'.

Issac Arul Selva

Developmental activities over the last 73 years have snatched land and means of livelihood of crores of citizen rendering them homeless. The beggars you see in big cities, the families that sleep under a flyover or people in slums are the same people who have lost their land and livelihood to 'indicators of development'. Mainstream mindset mistakes them for folks who have come to big cities for its 'developed' status, but these are the people who have paid the highest price for the development of Independent India -- development that rendered them homeless. Post-Independence, we have forgotten all about human development and only think of economic development. Increasing slums are a direct result of this narrative.

We ensure basic infrastructure to those who complete their studies and find a job and arrive in cities. But what have we built for the people who build our cities and maintain them? Although they have been living in cities for more than one generation, they continue to live in inhuman, undignified conditions. On one hand, oppressed communities are being rendered landless and jobless in villages, and on the other, their helplessness is exploited to force them into labour for developmental activities. Those sucked into this vicious cycle are unmistakeably Dalits, most backward classes or tribals.

We have to reskill people who have already lost and continue to lose their land, livelihood and skills. Apart from restructuring our urban society into a space where everything is affordable to everyone, making higher-level education free and mandatory for their children will perhaps save at least the next generation from poverty.

The author is Editor of Slum Jagattu magazine

Jarkiholi plans another jaunt to Delhi

DyCM aspirant will meet Union ministers ahead of the next cabinet meet on Aug 20

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AFTER his previous trip to New Delhi was cut short, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi -- who aspires to be deputy chief minister -- is all set to pick up from where he left off: He will visit the national Capital on Monday and meet senior leaders of the BJP including national president JP Nadda.

Ramesh Jarkiholi had to cut short his Delhi trip in August after Union Home Minister Amit Shah tested positive for Covid-19 and many senior leaders of the BJP including Union ministers had to be in home quarantine. Chief minister BS Yediyurappa testing positive for Covid-19 too compelled Jarkiholi to make a comeback, abandoning plans of lobbying to be elevated as deputy chief minister and to retain his water resources portfolio.

Jarkiholi is scheduled to return to Karnataka on Wednesday, just before the next cabinet meeting is scheduled. If not for Covid-19 playing spoilsport, the B S Yediyurappa cabinet would have witnessed a rejig right before the scheduled cabinet meeting on August 20.

Sources from the BJP suggest that while three legislators - Umesh Katti, MTB Nagaraj and R Shankar - two of whom were elected to the Legislative Council, are sure to be inducted into the cabinet, hectic lobbying is underway to replace some existing ministers in the Yediyurappa cabinet.

Jarkiholi is said to be lobbying for a portfolio for H Vishwanath - who was nominated to the Council - and also seeks to replace Laxman Savadi as Deputy Chief Minister. With Umesh Katti is keen on obtaining the water resources portfolio that is currently being held by Jarkiholi, the latter is said to be trying to reach an agreement with the BJP central leadership of giving up his current portfolio in lieu of another ministry and the DyCM post. Sources from the BJP suggest that at least four incumbent ministers including Women and Child Development Minister Shashikala Jolle are likely to be dropped to make way for new faces in the cabinet.

Another contract scam, Mayor says crores swindled

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EVEN as the state grapples with the Covid-19 pandemic, another scam in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has come to light. This has caught the attention of Mayor M Goutham Kumar, who told the media on Friday the scam runs to the tune of crores of rupees. "The zonal engineers awarded contracts without verifying documents and details of contractors," he said.

Kumar said that he has written to the additional chief secretary to the Urban Development Department and the BBMP Commissioner to look into the matter and take action against the engineers. In response, the commissioner has sought a report in two days.

The mayor the engineers did not verify the duplicate documents submitted for road works in Begur, Mahadevapura, Annapurneshwari Nagar Main Road, Banashankari 6th Stage and arterial and sub-arterial roads in the west zone.

Kumar also sought a detailed account of the expenditures to be incurred, suspension of the engineers and blacklisting of the contractors. He said that the engineers were well aware of the fake documents and yet awarded the contracts without any verification.

DEMAND FOR JUSTICE

Customers of Raghavendra Cooperative Bank sit on a hunger strike demanding the return of their money, in Bengaluru, on Friday | MEGHANA SASTRY

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'Explain inter-state movement restrictions'

Bengaluru: The HC on Friday sought an explanation from the State government the restrictions on people moving between the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border after a PIL drew the court's attention to the plight of informal workers who were having trouble obtaining documents. The court said the the State's protocol was against the Union government's unlock guidelines which placed no restriction on inter-state movement of people. A PIL filed by advocate M Indira Priyadarshini said the government's requiring registration on Seva Sindhu for entry into the State and documents from their employers was creating difficulties for workers trying to earn a living.

Non-Covid care: KMC warns doctors

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THE Karnataka Medical Council (KMC) on Friday informed the Karnataka High Court that it had issued a circular warning that medical practitioners who refuse treatment to non-Covid patients would be liable for penal action and that it would take action against such professionals.

Placing a copy of the circular, which said that action would be taken under Section 2.1 and 5.2 of the Code of Medical Ethics, 2002, before a division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi, the KMC also said it has provided helpline numbers (9916302328/080-22200888) for patients to lodge complaints if care is denied.

The KMC's submission came in response to a public interest litigation filed by Tumakuru-based advocate Ramesh L Naik, which drew the court's attention to reports about medical practitioners and private hospitals denying treatment to non-Covid patients. The petitioner also pointed out that many hospitals/clinics have been closed to due the Covid-19 pandemic.

Referring to this, the KMC said it has directed medical practitioners registered not to close hospitals and clinics and to provide treatment to patients suffering from non-Covid-19 ailments, in keeping with professional ethics.

The State government has also placed before the court a copy of the order issued by the State Executive Committee constituted under the Disaster Management Act, directing private hospitals not to refuse treatment to non-Covid patients. The bench then disposed of the petition.

KIA halt station opening pushed to September

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THANKS to Corona-induced labour shortage, the proposed Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) halt station remains incomplete. The opening of the railway station has been put off to next month, missing a series of deadlines since December 2019. The station, which is 4.5km from the airport, will facilitate commute to and from the airport.

The halt station, coming up at a cost of Rs 3 crore, on the Yelahanka-Chikkaballapur Line, is positioned between Yelahanka and Devanahalli railway stations. Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) is carrying out construction work on land provided by the Railways.

A senior railway official told TNIE, "We are confident of declaring the station open any time after mid-September. It got delayed due to various reasons including labour availability." The station building will have a platform, shelter for it, a ticketing counter, ramp, open parking, 10 water sinks, 10 benches, toilets and an approach road, he added.

Railways had given in-principle approval to BIAL to go ahead with construction in June 2019 with December 2019 set as the deadline. It was postponed to February 2020, then April 10 was fixed as the opening date. With work grinding to a halt due to the lockdown and the pandemic, the fresh deadline given was August which now stands postponed.

Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru Division, Ashok Kumar Verma told TNIE, "No one has given us a target to open the station. These are deadlines we are trying to meet. Among other reasons, there is a labour crunch due to the corona epidemic. However, the delay is not going to affect anyone as regular suburban services are not operational anywhere in the country."

Two pairs of passenger trains along the Kolar-Yelahanka line as well as one pair that ran along the Whitefield and Kolar line will stop here, another official said.

On shuttle services from the halt station to the airport, a senior BMTC official told TNIE, "We have still not finalised any schedule. This is a different kind of operation in which we need many buses at one time at the spot. Only after the specific trains that will halt here are finalized, will BMTC be able to narrow down on the number of buses required."

Asked if the shuttle service would be free, the official said, "As of now, I think it will be paid for by passengers."

BIAL refrained from any comment.

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CAD-355: Managing Director, Odisha State Seeds Corporation Ltd. invites limited tender from Govt. Agency only like - National level Seeds Corporations/ State level Seeds Corporations/ Govt. of India Undertaking/Agency/Agriculture Research Institutes on Item Wise Rate Contact basis in Double Cover System through **ONLINE MODE-ONLY** for the works bellow.

1	Name of work	Purchase of seeds for Rabi 2020-21
2	No. of work	01 no.
3	Availability of Bid Document in Portal	15.00 hours on dt. 18.08.2020 to 17.30 hours on dt. 01.09.2020
4	Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17.30 hours on dt.02.09.2020
5	Date and time of opening of Bid	10.30 hours on dt.04.09.2020

Further the details can be seen from the website **https://tenderodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Managing Director, OSSC Ltd, BBSR
OIPR-01045/11/0011/2021

KIDWAI MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF ONCOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTION
Dr. M.H.Marigowda Road, Bengaluru - 560 029.
Phone: 91-80-26560722(Dir), 26094000, Fax: 080-26560723

No.KMIO/AC/Fellowship/796/2020 **Date: 13.08.2020**

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates in prescribed format for the following **Fellowship Programmes for academic year 2020-21** at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru, affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Sl. No.	Course	Eligibility	Duration	No. of Seats
01.	Pediatric Medical Oncology	MD-General Medicine, MD/DNB-Pediatrics/ DCH with 2 years of Experience	12 Months	04
02.	Palliative Care	All Super speciality / Board Speciality of clinical subjects / MBBS with Internship Completed by August 31st 2020	12 Months	04
03.	Onco-Imaging	MD/DNB/-Radiology / DMRD with 2 years of Experience	12 Months	04
04.	Oral Onco-Surgery	MS/DNB(General Surgery) / MDS (Oral & Maxillo Facial Surgery), MS / DNB(ENT)	18 Months	04
05.	Tumor Pathology	MD / DNB-Pathology	18 Months	04
06.	Head & Neck Cancer Surgery	MS/DNB (General Surgery), MDS (oral & Maxillo Facial Surgery) MS/DNB(ENT)	18 Months	04

Preferences will be given to sponsored candidates from the institutes affiliated to RGUHS. **Instructions:1.** Application can be downloaded from official website: **kmio.org. 2.** Applicant should pay **Rs. 4000/-** per application by **NEFT/RTGS to CANARA BANK. 3.** Canara Bank, saving account No: **8409101104566**, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology Branch, Bengaluru. IFSC code: **CNRB0008409. 4.** The Scan (PDF format) the filled in application and relevant attested photo copy along with UTR/Transaction No for payment of application fee should be sent by email to kmio_academic@yahoo.com with subject mentioned **"Application for Fellowship Programme 2020" before 5pm 21.08.2020. 5.** Stipend will be paid for Non-sponsored Candidates : **60,000/-** per month. **6.** Course fee:**1,00,000/-** per year. **7.** Written test and interview will be conducted on same day. **8.** Selected candidate has to join the institute within one day of announcement of results. **9.** Dates of written test and interview will be announced on Institute's official website: kmio.org. **10.** Decision of the selection Committee in the matter of selection is final. **For Further details, Contact:Academic Cell, KMIO, Ph: 080-26094024, Email: kmio_academic@yahoo.com.**

Sd/-
Director

DIPR/DDU/KAVITA/799/2020-21

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has transacted to purchase the under mentioned property from **Sri. R.T. Mukunda,** S/o late Thimmaiah. If anybody have got any claim or interest in respect of the said property, may inform the same to the undersigned within a week from this Notice.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No. 10, Katha No.155/3C, measuring East to West on the northern side 78.03 feet and on the southern side 90.04 feet and North to South on the eastern side 110.11 feet and on the western side 92.03 feet, in all measuring 8613 sq.ft., situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Ward No.196, Bengaluru and bounded on:- East by : Site Nos.13, 14, 15 & 16, West by : Road, North by : Site No.11, South by : Site No.09.

S. KALYAN BASAVARAJ

Advocate, C-208, 2nd Floor, Blue Cross Chambers, No.11, Infantry Road Cross Bengaluru-560 001. Date: 14.08.2020.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, our clients have proposed to purchase the Schedule property mentioned hereunder from its present owners **Smt. Sathya Kumari, Sri. H. Narasimhamurthy, Smt. R. Jayalakshmi, Sri. H. Prabhudev, Smt. H. Rajalakshmi.** Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule property may lodge their objections/ claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **7 days** from this day of publication and any objection/claims received thereafter will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claims/ objections.

-:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of an immovable residential property bearing **Site No.64 (Old)**, Old Corporation Khatha No.31, **New Municipal No.7,** now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.123, and having **New PID No.33-24-7,** situated at 3rd Cross Road, Cholurpalya, Kempapura Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 Ft. and North to South on Eastern side 76 Ft. and North to South on Western Side 84 Ft., **totally measuring 2400 Sq.Ft.** and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.65, **West by:** Site No.63, Municipal No. 60/1, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Kempanna's House.

V. S. Rai & Associates,

LAW FIRM, No.23,"Venkatadri" 6th Main, 5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.
Mob: 98441 55041.

REPLY TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE Dt. 07-08-2020

The General Public hereby inform that with reference to the Public Notice published in Kannada Prabha and Indian Express dated : 07.08.2020, same was issued by the Mr. Pradeep Nayak, Keystone Partners, Advocates & Solicitors, Bangalore, as objection to the same in respect of the All That piece and parcel of immovable property being land presently bearing Municipal No. 30 (PID No. 77-80-30), earlier bearing No. 6/1; subsequently renumbered as Nos. 30, 31/2, 30/2, 31/1, 31 and 30/1 (erstwhile No. 6/1; subsequently renumbered as Nos. 30 and 31) and situated at V S Raju Road (Palace Guttahalli), Bengaluru, coming within the jurisdictionn of BBMP Ward No. 77, totally measuring 14347 square feet and bounded as follows : East by : Private Property, West by : Private Property, North by : Private Property and South by : Road. It is make it clear that there is no mortgage of above said property in favour of Altico Capital India Limited or any one. Any person dealing with the above said property will be doing so at his/her/their at own risk.

B.S. Udaya Shankar, Owner of the above said property.
Mob : 9448825999, email : b.s.udayshankar@gmail.com

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Issued under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **17.02.2020** calling upon the borrower/guarantor **1.M/s.Blossoms Organic Clothing Company, Proprietor: Thavapriya R,** D.No.10/681B Karaiputhur Road, Opp. Park College, Chinnakarai, Tiruppur – 641605 **and also at** SF No.458/2A , Sugar Factor Road, Silvarpatty, Periyakulam – 625602. **2. Mr.I Ravi Shankar, 3. Mrs.Thavapriya R, No.2 and No.3 Residing at** No 46th Cross Car Street, Behind Someshwara Temple, Ulsoor, Bangalore – 560008. **and also at** 19, Krishnan Koil Street, Thenkarai, Periyakulam – 625601 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,67,87,267.00** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Seven Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Seven Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the **13th day of August of the Year 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED, PERIYAKULAM Branch for an amount Rs.1,81,84,372.24** (as on 31.07.2020) with further interest from 01.08.2020 along with costs, charges etc.,

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

In Theni District, Periyakulam Registration District, Periyakulam Joint 2 Sub registration, Periyakulam Taluk, Silvarpatti Village, Punjai Comprised in Ayan Survey No.458/2A 0.35.0 Ars 86 Cents Land, On Survey No. 458/5A, 0.51.5 Ars, 1 Acre 27 Cents Land both Combined together and totally 2 Acre 13 Cents land bounded by , Boundaries North: Krishnamoorthy Naidu's Land, East: Main Road, West: Muthusamy's Land, South: Kathapillai's Land.
Measurement : 2 Acre 13 Cents

Place: Periyakulam — **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Date : 13.08.2020 — **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC MALLESHWARAM(41161)
No.97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore -560020
Ph: 080 25943732, 25943720.Fax: 080 25943729/3730 Email Id: racpc.bz1@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
APPENDIX IV (Under Rule 8(1)(For immovable property)

A/c No: 62465201775 & 62465204787

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **11.02.2020** and same was published in Two leading News paper "The New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha" on **27.02.2020** and calling upon the Borrower **Smt. Renuka Manoj** W/o Sri. P B Manoj No.017, Ground Floor, DS Max Sundale, Kodipalya, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060 And also at: **1)M/s Abhinava Enterprises** Prop: Smt.Renuka Manoj No.424, 18th Cross, Saraswathi Nagar, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040 2) Site No.07, Eastern Portion, New No.690, Corporation Old No.47/2, Sy No.27/7, BBMP Ward No.53, 3rd A Main Road, near PES Collage, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.16,97,040/-** (Rupee Sixteen lakhs ninety seven thousand forty only) as on **11.02.2020** + interest from **12.02.2020** + incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower /guarantors/ mortgager having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors/mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **14.08.2020**.

The borrower/guarantors/ mortgager in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.17,24,962/-** (Rupees Seventeen lakhs twenty four thousand nine hundred and sixty two only) as on **14.08.2020** and interest from **15.08.2020** plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section13 (8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Eastern Portion Property bearing No.07, Corporation Old No.47/2, New No.690, in Sy.No.27/7, BBMP Ward No.53, as per Uttara patra bearing No. DA(A)KTR 234/05/06, 4th Main Road, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bengaluru-50, coming under Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Bengaluru having PID No. 53-60-7/1, measuring East-West 15 feet and North-South 30 feet with building on standing in the Name of Smt. Renuka Manoj, and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Remaining portion of this property, North by: House No.8, South by: Main Road

Date : 14.08.2020 — **Sd/-** Authorized Officer and Chief Manager
Place : Bangalore — State Bank of India, RACPC Malleshwaram Bangalore

Tender Notice

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department, Udupi Division, Udupi. (PIU)
Website: **https://www.kpwd.gov.in** Email:**eeudp@kpwd.gov.in**
No. EE/PWD/UDN/NIT/13/2020-21/AE-2 — **Dated: 13.08.2020**

The Tenders for the following works are invited through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka(Viz.www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) **Name of work: (1) Improvement of Road of Brahmavara - Jannadi Main road from Ethinakatte to Keduru in Kundapura Taluk. (One Time Improvement).** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 66.44 Lakhs, EMD Rs. 1,32,900.00**. Last date for Submission of tender in Eprocurement: **28.08.2020**. Eligible Tenderer: **Class-3 & Above. (2) Improvement of Road from Koteshwara town to hodrali Amasekadu via Rathabeedi in Kundapura Taluk. (One Time Improvement).** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 58.09 Lakhs, EMD Rs. 1,16,200.00**. Last date for Submission of tender in Eprocurement: **28.08.2020**. Eligible Tenderer: **Class-3 & Above**.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Public Works Dept, Udupi Division, Udupi
DIPR/ADU/MCA/260/20-21 dt. 14.8.20

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that **Sri.H.N.Hanumanarasaiah** S/0 late Sri. Narasimhaiah, residing at No.170, Vishweshwara Layout, Ward no.18, Anekal Town, Bangalore District is the owner of the schedule property described infra. It is noticed that original sale deed dated 11.02.1993, registered as doc.no.3085/1992-93, in Book-I, Vol.1716, entered in pages 100-102 at the office of Sub-Registrar, Anekal executed by Smt.Gowramma in favour of Sri. K. Nagaraju pertaining to the Schedule Property is lost / misplaced. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on 07.08.2020 at Anekal Police Station.

The finder of the said document is requested to surrender the original sale deed to the undersigned **within 15 days** from this day, falling which, it shall be deemed that the Sale Deed is irretrievably lost and certified copy of the same shall be obtained from the office of Sub-registrar of Assurances in lieu of lost original for the purpose of records.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal Assessment no.497 or site no.80, property no.497/80, situated at Vishweshwara Layout, 5th Division, Revenue Limits of Anekal TMC, Bangalore District, measuring East to West 30 ft. and North to South : 25 ft., & bounded as follows : On the East by : Vacant site, West by : Municipal Road, North by : Sites, South by : Site no.79.

R. RAJALAKSHMI
Advocate, Nos.519 & 520, III Floor, Prabhat Complex, K.G Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Ph - 41247862 & 41224958
Date : 14.08.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client **Smt. M.M. SUDHA, Wife of Sri NAGESH S KALBURGY**, residing at No.9, First Floor, Second Cross, Pipe Lane Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 023 intends to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from
1) SRI G. VENKATESH,
2) SRI G. CHANDRASHEKAR
3) SMT D. SHIVAKUMARI, and
4) SMT G. DHANALAKSHMI, residing at New No.45, Old No.92, 1st 'C' Cross Road, REMCO Layout, Hampinagar, Bengaluru – 560 040, who are the joint owners of the property bearing New No.45, Old No.92, situated at 1st 'C' Cross Road, REMCO Layout, Hampinagar, Bengaluru -560 040 acquired by way of registered Gift Deed dated 02.12.2009 registered as document No.VJN-1-01185/2009-10 executed by Sri GANGARAJAIAH who is the father of 1 and 2, father in law of 3 and 4. And they state that said Sri GANGARAJAIAH had lost the original Sale Deed dated 04.02.1978 registered as document No.3841/1977-78, at pages 46 to 48, Volume 563 of Book – I, in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru executed by REMCO Industrial Co-operative Society Limited, Mysore Road, Bengaluru – 560 026 in favour of Sri GANGARAJAIAH and in this regard he had also lodged a police complaint before the Inspector of Police, Vijayanagar Police Station, Bengaluru city vide Acknowledgement No.709/2013 dated 26.6.2013. If any person/s, Institution, Bank, Firm, etc., have got any objections for proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections/claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 10 days from this day of publication and any objections/claims received thereafter, will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property as, if, there are no claims/ objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property, consisting of Land and Building, bearing New No.45, Old No.92, situated at 1st 'C' Cross Road, REMCO Layout, Kempapura Agrahara, Hosahalli, Bengaluru, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Hampinagar Ward No.34, New Ward No.133, PID No.34-73-45, Bangalore, together with RCC roofed residential dwelling house and the property is measuring East to West : 40 feet, and North to South : 30 feet and the same is bounded on as under:
EAST BY - 30 Feet Road,
WEST BY - Property bearing No.59,
NORTH BY - Property bearing No.91,
SOUTH BY - Property bearing No.93

H.G. RAJASHEKAR, M.H.SOMANATH, Advocates, No.122, First Floor, Mahesh Market, Balepet, Bengaluru – 560 053.
Phone: 22200575, Mob - 9845066737
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 14.08.2020

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. SA/A/RS/ED/OT/20-21/5&6
Dated :12 -08-2020

Name of the work : Tender Notice No. **(1) SA/A/RS/ED/OT/20-21/5:** Works Contract for unloading and loading of equipments of electric locomotives available at Electric Loco Shed, Southern Railway, Salem Division, Erode. **Completion Period: 18 months**. **Closing Date & Time: 08-09-2020 @ 11.00 hrs**.

Tender Notice No. **(2) SA/A/RS/ED/ OT/20-21/6 :** Works Contract for dismantling and cleaning of Bogie frame assembly and mechanical components of electric locomotives available at Electric Loco Shed, Southern Railway, Salem Division, Erode. **Completion Period: 24 months**. **Closing Date & Time: 08-09-2020 @ 11.00 hrs**.

Tender Value: (1) ₹ **27,06,755/-** (2) ₹ **42,68,598/-**

Earnest Money Deposit: (1) ₹ **54,100/-** (2) ₹ **85,400/-**

Cost of Tender Document: (1) ₹ **3,360/-** (2) ₹ **3,360/-**

Complete details & tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Divisional Electrical Engineer, for Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, Rolling Stock, Electric Loco Shed, Erode.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that, we **Sri.SREERAMA REDDY,** S/o. Sri. Muniswamy Reddy, **Smt.SAROJA,** W/o. Sri.Sreerama Reddy, both residing at No.528, 8 th Cross, 7th Main, 3rd phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore-560078 are the absolute owners of the schedule property and represent that the Original allotment letter issued by CITB(BDA) pertaining to the schedule property has been lost or misplaced,

Any person who come across or find the said original is hereby requested to return the same or inform it to the undersigned with in 7 days.

Further the general public is hereby warned that the said documents may be misused and hence the general public is hereby notified not to transact on the basis of the said documents. In spite of it, in case of any transaction is made on the basis of the said lost/misplaced documents they will be doing at their own risk and they shall be not be having any rights and my clients will not be responsible for it whatsoever.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential Property bearing **New BBMP Katha No.528, PID No.57-156-528, BDA Site No.528, formed by BDA, situated at 8 th Cross Road, 3rd phase extension JP Nagar, Sarakki , Bangalore , measuring East to West 45 ft &; North to South (56 + 56.3)/2 ft,** And bounded on : East by : Site No.527, West by : Site No.529, North by : Road, South by : Site No.548 Including residential building thereon.

SREERAMA REDDY & SAROJA
No.528, 8 th Cross, 7 th Main, 3rd phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore-560078.
Date: 12/08/2020

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DIVISIONAL OFFICE, No.6, 2nd Floor, Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram Bangalore – 560 004

DEMAND NOTICE

Reg: Notice issued under Sec 13 [2] of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 [SARFAESI Act] for recovery of dues in the loan a/c of the borrower **M/s. Ajith Timber Glass and Plywood** sent to the below mentioned:

1) M/s. Ajith Timber Glass and Plywood Sole Prop: Rameshwari, No.597, 1st Main Road, 1st Block, D Group Layout, Andrahalli Main Road, Herohalli, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore - 560091. **2) Mrs. Rameshwari** W/o. M Mani, Residing at No. 78, 7th Cross, Ramakrishna Layout, Nagarbhavi, 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560 091. **3) Mr. Mani M (Title Holder/Guarantor)** S/o. Muthu Swamy, Residing at No.78, 7th Cross, Ramakrishna Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560 091. **4) Mr. M. K. Vinod Kumar (Guarantor)** S/o. M Mani, Residing at No.78, 7th Cross, Ramakrishna Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560 091.

Whereas you have committed default in repayment of loans in the above mentioned loan account to the secured creditor bank, the Bank had issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **02.03.2020** calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs.28,27,523.69 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Paise Sixty Nine only).** A copy of this notice is also affixed at the premises of your office and at the premises of all the mortgaged properties as detailed in the description below.

Whereas the notices sent to all of you by Regd Post/Courier have been returned unserved. You are hereby called upon to visit the bank and obtain a copy of the notice in your own interest in order to note the full particulars of the loan dues, securities charged to the bank etc.

You are hereby called upon to pay the amount as shown above together with interest from **01.03.2020** till date of payment within 60 days from the date of the notice failing which, the secured creditor Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of the secured assets hypothecated/ mortgaged to the bank as mentioned below, as per the provisions of SARFAESI Act.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS: All the piece and parcel of the land and building bearing No. 78, Old Assessment No. 27 of "C" Block, present BBMP Khatha No. 326, property situated at Malagala Grama Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore presently under jurisdiction of the BBMP, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq feet; bounded on East By: Site No. 79, belonging to Pushpalatha, West By: Remaining property of L. Ramakrishnaiah, North By: Road, South By: Site No. 95 of R. Nagaraju.

Date : 14.08.2020 — **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore — **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Sri.Prasanna.R, S/o. Ramaiah,** R/at No.316, 1st Main Road, Kalyan Nagar, T.Dasarahalli. I have lost original sale deed executed on dt. 18.06.2018 registered bearing doc. No.1196/2018-19 , while going on bike to Xerox shop from my house near pipeline road mallasandra.

If any person/Institution found or has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid roperty and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Deepa A.M ,Advocate
No.6, Bhumika, 80 feet road, Chandra Layout, Vijaynagar, Bangalore-560040

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri. Syed Pasha Mohideen S/o. Late. Syed Mahammad @ Syed Ahmed, Aged about 73 years, Residing at No.240, 2nd Cross, Konanakunte Cross, Mango Garden Layout, Bangalore – 560062,** is the absolute owner of **Agricultural land bearing survey No.186, measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas situated at ChikkaMaralawadi village, Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District.** Bounded on **East by: Doddaiah's Property, West by: Thibbe Gowda, Linge Gowda and Raju's property, North by: Doddaiah's Property Now sold, and South by: Rukmini's Property**.

Recently my client lost/misplaced the original Sale Deed dated 24.12.1974, registered as document No.6272/1974-1975, of Book No.I, Volume 2180 at Pages 69 to 71, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kanakapura. executed by Sri. H. S. Krishna Murthy in favour of Smt. Lalitha Bai and another original Sale Deed dated 30.04.1975 registered as document No.876/1975-1976, of Book No. I, Volume. 2198 at Pages 181 to 182 registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kanakapura. executed by Smt. Lalitha Bai in favour of Smt. Ningamma and the same are not traceable. In this regard already a Police Complaint was also lodged with the jurisdictional police.

This is therefore notifying the general public that, the finder may be kindly hand it over to the undersigned. Any misuse of the document above mentioned will attract Criminal Prosecution.

M. SUDHAKAR, Advocate
No.37, 1st Floor, South End Road, Opp.Kamala Nehru Vidya Mandir, Basavanagudi, Bangalore- 560 004, Mob No: 9886063456
Place: Bangalore, Date: 15.08.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intends to purchase below referred SCHEDULE 'A' and 'B' PROPERTY from its Owner namely **Sri. DINESH KUMAR PAREEK, S/o Champalal Pareek, residing at Siddaganga Extension, Tumkur.** The owner represents that he is the absolute owner having right, title and interest with respect to Schedule 'A' and 'B' Property and the Schedule 'A' and 'B' Property are free from all encumbrances, liens, charges, minor claims etc.

The General public are hereby informed that any person/s having any objection with respect the purchase of the Schedule 'A' and 'B' Properties, from the above said person's may raise their objection before the under signed with supporting documentary evidence/proof, within **07 (Seven) days** from the date of this publication of this notice. In the event no such legally tenable claim is received, our clients shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule 'A' and 'B' Properties as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 23, measuring 3 Acres 07 Guntas, **situated at Siddappanapalya Village, Hebbur Hobli, Tumkur Taluk and District,** & bounded on to the: **East By :** Land belonging to Shambhlingaiah, School Master Rajanna, Siddalingappa, Ramakrishnaiah and Thontaradhya, **West By :** Land belonging to Basataiah, Shambulingaiah, Shivananjappa, Karibasavadevaru, Chennabasappa, **North By :** Land belonging to children of Basavegowda, **South By :** Government Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 34/2, measuring 00-11 Guntas, **situated at Siddappanapalya Village, Hebbur Hobli, Tumkur Taluk and District,** & bounded on to the: **East By :** Land belonging to Thontaradhya, **West By** : Land belonging to Chennabasappa, **North By:** Land belonging to children of Basavegowda **South By :** Land belonging Basavarajappa

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that land bearing Sy.No. 28/1 measuring 2 acres 31 guntas of kadosonapanahalli Village, Bidaralli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk belongs to Muniyappa @ S.K. Muniyappa, 2) S.K. Javaregowda, 3) S.K. Ramanjanaiah all are sons of Late. Kempaiah, residing at Kadosonapanahalli Village, Bidaralli Hobli, Kannnur Post, Bangalore East Taluk, and purchased the land from Sidamma under registered sale deed dated: 9/12/1965 which is fully described in the schedule hereunder.

Ever since my clients purchased the land, they are the absolute owners in peaceful possession and enjoyment of entire land, my clients have grown Ragi, Groundnut, Arca which is coming for harvesting.

One Kempamma claims to be the wife of Muniyappa and her children Krishnappa, Manjunataha, Rathnamma and others attempted to interfere with the said land, my clients have filed a suit in O.S.no: 1220/2019 and the Hon'ble Court has granted interim stay order.

In the meanwhile the said persons illegally got MR entry in M.R.No:H22/2018-19 and against the said order my clients have filed appeal in RA/BET No: 205/2019-20 before the Assistant Commissioner Bangalore Rural District and stay has been granted, the same is incorporated in Cloumn.No.11 of the RTC.

Now it is learnt one 1) K.S. Shankar, 2) B.K. Mohan Kumar, 3)Hirendra Reddy claims to have entered into an agreement of sale on 10/08/2020 from Kempamma and 3 others, in that regard legal notice has already been issued to them.

Now the said three persons 1) K.S. Shankar, 2) B.K. Mohan Kumar, 3) Hirendra Reddy are attempting to create further documents in favor third parties (Public in general). Hence this Public Notice.

The Public are hereby informed that land bearing Sy.No. 28/1measuring 2 acres 31 guntas of Kadosonapanahalli Village, Bidaralli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk which is as shown in the schedule exclusively belongs to my clients. If any persons are dealing with the schedule property with the above persons are doing so with their own cost and risk and also Kempamma and her children's have no right to execute registered sale agreement as stated above.

Any documents created by the above said person's in respect of the schedule property is not binding and valid on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No. 28/1 measuring 2 acres 31 guntas of kadosonapanahalli Village, bidaralli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, bounded as follows:
East by : Land belonging to Hanumaiah
West by : Land belonging to Siddappa
North by : Land belonging to Siddappa
South by : Land belonging to Vasanthappa.

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POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, earlier Vijaya Bank, Peenya Branch. No. 3/1A, NH4, Tumkur Road, Peenya, Bangalore-560058** under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec.13(2), read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **03.02.2020** calling upon the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor **1) Mr. Prashanth Kumar** S/o Srinivas. **2) Mrs. Kavitha Kumari. K** W/o. Prashanth Kumar, Flat No. C-15, 4th Floor, 'C' Block, "Global Aura", 1st Cross, S.M Road, Shabari Nagar, Opp. Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, Jalahalli West, Bangalore-560015, **also at:** No. 75, Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Nilaya, Behind Netaji Popular School, Malleshwaram Extension Ijoor, Ramanagar-562159 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under **Rs.1,06,61,004.34** (Rupees One Crore Six Lakh Sixty One Thousand Four and Thirty Four Paisa only) as on **01.02.2020** plus interest from **02.02.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **10th day of August 2020.**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs.1,06,61,004.34** (Rupees One Crore Six Lakh Sixty One Thousand Four and Thirty Four Paisa only) as on **01.02.2020** plus interest thereon along with cost.

Description of the Immovable Property

Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Old Corporation No. 15, 15/1, 16 and 16/1, now assigned as consolidated Corporation No.15, PID No. 1-39-15, Situated at S.M. Road, Jalahalli West, Bangalore-560015, Peenya Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Previously BMP Ward No. 1, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Totally Measuring 4544Sq.Ft out of Entire measuring 22993 Sq. Ft and bounded on: East By: Private Property, West By: Private Property, North By: Road, South By: Road and Private Property.

Schedule B: 396 Sq. Ft, of undivided share, right, title, interest in the schedule 'A' property,

Schedule C: Apartment bearing Flat No. C-15, situated in the Fourth Floor having super built up area 2000 Sq. Ft, consisting of three bed rooms with vitrified flooring, building known as " Global Aura Project" of 'C' Block, constructed on schedule 'A' property with rights to pass through the area leading to the main road and free egress and ingress and entitled for all the common areas and Civic amenities .

Place : Bengaluru — Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date : 10.08.2020 — Bank of Baroda

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DEMAND NOTICES ISSUED TO THE FOLLOWING BORROWERS UNDER SECTION 13[2] OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

Sl No.	Date of Loan	Account No.	Name of The Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Address	Secured Asset	Date of Demand Notice	Loan Amount	Amount Outstanding
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1.	30/06/2015	X0HLBNA00001447804	1. Mahadev.M 2. Mamatha.K	No.10, 1st Mian Road, 2nd Cross, Vadula Akshya, Vinayaka Nagar, Kengeri Upa Nagar, Bangalore South – 560 060.	All that piece and parcel of property No.43, Sy No.10/2B, Khatha No.875, situated at Sidedahalli Village, Chikkabanavara Group Panchayath, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, vide conversion order bearing ALN. SR. No.10/1999-2000, Bangalore, presently within the limits of BBMP and bounded on the East by - Layout road, West by - Private property, North by - Site No.44, South by - Site No.42, Measuring East to West 50 ft, and North to South 30 ft.	01.08.2020	Rs.45,00,000/-	Rs.80,95,964/- as on 31.07.2020 with further interest thereon.

The Under signed is the Authorised Officer of Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limitedhereinafter called the secured creditor, under Rule 2[a] of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules framed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

In pursuant to loan agreement on the dates mentioned in column [A] the above named borrowers in column [C] residing at the address in column [D] were sanctioned loans indicated in column [G] in loan account number indicated in column [B]. Towards the due repayment of loan, equitable mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the assets in column [E] was created by the borrowers.

On persistent default in repayment of the loan amount the loan accounts of the borrowers have been classified by the secured creditor as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directions and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. Consequently notice under Sec. 13[2] of the Act was also issued to each of the borrowers on the dates mentioned in column [F], which have been returned undelivered.

I state that under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, you can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

In view of the above, the above named borrowers are called upon to discharge in full their liabilities towards the Secured Creditor by making the payment of the entire outstanding indicated in Column [H] above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of notice, failing which, the secured creditor shall be entitled to take possession of the Secured Asset and shall also take such other actions as is available to the Secured Creditor in law. In the absence of full discharge of dues even after the transfer of secured assets the secured creditor reserves its right to proceed against the borrowers before a Sole Arbitrator, in terms of the Loan Agreement

In addition the above named borrowers shall not alienate by way of transfer, sale, lease or otherwise or create third party interest or dealing with the Secured Asset in column [E] mentioned against the name of the each borrowers in any manner except with specific prior written permission of the Secured creditor.

Date : 15.08.2020 — **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Place: Bangalore — **Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited**

CITY UNION BANK LTD.

Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. Phone : 0435-2402322, 2401622 Fax : 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001 and one of the Branch Offices of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** as mentioned below: Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) & (12), read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated mentioned below calling upon the borrowers, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrowers below named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers below named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Act. The borrowers below named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd., for an amount of and interest till the repayment of entire dues.

City Union Bank Ltd., No.590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032.

I. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mr. M.S. Reddy, S/o. Mr. M. Venkatarama Reddy, No.60, Vinayaka Nagara, Behind SFS School, Huskur Gate, Kammasandra, Electronics City, Anekal, Bengaluru - 560 100. No.2) Mrs. M. Rajeshwari, W/o. Mr. M.S. Reddy, No.60, Vinayaka Nagara, Behind SFS School, Huskur Gate, Kammasandra, Electronics City, Anekal, Bengaluru - 560 100.

Date of Demand Notice: 13-01-2020 followed by paper publication dated 20-02-2020. Date of Possession: 10-08-2020. Amount Outstanding: Rs.61,24,301/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred and One Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 08-01-2020 till the repayment of entire dues.

Notes:- 1) That our **No.512 - R.T. Nagar-Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR: 501812080053667), dated **29-06-2019** requested by No.1 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.1,40,000/-** at a ROI of **13.50%.** The same has been also classified as NPA on **28-12-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **07-01-2020** is **Rs.1,47,205/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **08-01-2020** till the date of realization.

2) That our **No.512 - R.T. Nagar-Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR: 501812080056688) dated **30-09-2019** requested by No.1 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.3,56,000/-** at a ROI of **15.50%.** The same has been also classified as NPA on **28-12-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **07-01-2020** is **Rs.3,72,731/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **08-01-2020** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank : (Properties Owned by Mr. M.S. Reddy, S/o. Mr. M. Venkatarama Reddy)

Schedule - A1 Property:- All that piece and parcel of land bearing converted Sy.No.138/3, situated at site No.200/1, in New BBMP Katha Nos.1002/1199/1093/882/200/1, in Sy.No.138/3, situated at Sarvabhouma Nagar, Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring:- East to West 120 ft., North to South 80 ft. Totally measuring 9,600 Sq. ft., and bounded on:- East by - 30 ft. Road, West by - Private Property, North by - 30 ft. Road, South by - 30 ft. Road.

Schedule - A2 Property:- An undivided 263 Sq.ft., share in the land comprised in the Schedule - A Property.

Schedule - A3 Property:- All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No.108 in the First Floor in the Residential Apartment known as NEHA LEGEND to be constructed on Schedule - A Property consisting of Living, Dining and Three Bed Rooms having super built-up area of 1,220 Sq.ft., equipped with Flooring, Sanitary, Electrical Wiring and other facilities with Car Parking Space in the Stilt Floor.

II. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mr. K. Harirajan, S/o. Mr. Krishnasamy, No.174, 3rd Cross, Basavalingappa Nagar, Near Bilekahalli Bus Stop, Bilekahalli, Bangalore - 560 076. No.2) Mrs. Kalaimani Harirajan, W/o. Mr. K. Harirajan, No.174, 3rd Cross, Basavalingappa Nagar, Near Bilekahalli Bus Stop, Bilekahalli, Bangalore - 560 076.

Date of Demand Notice: 13-01-2020 followed by paper publication dated 20-02-2020. Date of Possession: 10-08-2020. Amount Outstanding: Rs.59,78,959/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 08-01-2020 till the repayment of entire dues.

Notes:- 1) That our **No.512 - R.T. Nagar-Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR: 501812080056693), dated **30-09-2019** requested by No.1 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.4,38,000/-** at a ROI of **15.50%.** The same has been also classified as NPA on **28-12-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **07-01-2020** is **Rs.4,57,838/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **08-01-2020** till the date of realization.

2) That our **No.512 - R.T. Nagar-Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR: 501812080053686), dated **29-06-2019** requested by No.1 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.1,91,000/-** at a ROI of **13.50%.** The same has been also classified as NPA on **28-12-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **07-01-2020** is **Rs.2,00,784/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **08-01-2020** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank : (Properties Owned by Mr. K. Harirajan, S/o. Mr. Krishnasamy)

Schedule - A Property:- All that piece and parcel of land bearing converted Sy.No.138/3, situated at Site No.200/1, in New BBMP Katha Nos.1002/1199/1093/882/200/1, in Sy.No. 138/3, situated at Sarvabhouma Nagar, Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring:- East to West 120 ft., North to South 80 ft. Totally measuring 9,600 Sq.ft. and Bounded on:- East by - 30 ft. Road, West by - Private Property, North by - 30 ft. Road, South by - 30 ft. Road.

Schedule - B Property:- An undivided 263 Sq.ft., share in the land comprised in the Schedule - A Property.

Schedule - C Property:- All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No.408 in the Fourth Floor in the Residential Apartment known as NEHA LEGEND to be constructed on Schedule - A Property consisting of Living, Dining and Three Bed Rooms having super built-up area of 1,220 Sq.ft., equipped with Flooring, Sanitary, Electrical Wiring and Other Facilities with Car Parking Space in the Stilt Floor.

Place : Bangalore — **Authorised Officer**
Date : 10-08-2020 — **City Union Bank Ltd.**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY — **"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Name & address of Borrower/s /Guarantor/ s/ Mortgagor (s)	Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues.	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD amount, Bid Increase Amount.	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1. **Mrs. Indumathi M** W/o Mohan Velu No. 10, NSR Road, ITI Layout, A Narayanapura, Bangalore. 2. **Mr. Mohan Velu** No.10, NSR Road, ITI Layout, A Narayanapura, Bangalore.	**Schedule of the Properties:** All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Site No.5, Katha No.283/144, property No.144, situated at A Narayanapura, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, as per sale deed measuring East to West 30ft and North to South 22ft, totally measuring 660 sq ft. **As per actual measurement:** East to West: 16`9` feet, North to South: 23"3" feet, Total: 393.00 Sq. feet. and **Bounded by:** East Property belong to Mr. Munivenkatappa, West : Property belong to Mr. Venkatamma North: Road, South: Property belong to Mr. Appu	**Rs.13,67,000/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Only)	**16-09-2020 between 01.00 PM to 03.00 PM**	**Reserve Price: Rs.13,67,000 /- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Only) EMD amount Rs.1,36,700 /- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Only) BID INCREASE AMOUNT : Rs.20,000/- Last Date of EMD: 15-09-2020 before 5.00PM**	**PHYSICAL**	**Date of Inspection of the property 05.09.2020 between 11.00 A.M to 4.00 P.M**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https://ibapi.in. https://www.mstcecommerce.com** Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer

Date: 14.08.2020 — **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Bangalore — **Bank of Baroda**

The NIA will question Kerala chief minister's ex-secretary M Sivasankar again in connection with the gold smuggling probe. The NIA questioned key suspect Faisal Fareed in the UAE. Enforcement Directorate too will question Sivasankar

POLITICAL BLAME GAME TAKES OVER

Two among detainees Covid-positive and were recovering under home isolation | So far, 24 criminal cases filed in connection with the violence, some of them suo motu | Deve Gowda says political leaders should stop making allegations against each other

Police barge into homes, pick up youths, kin cry foul

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

TEAMS of city police and the Rapid Action Force have allegedly barged into homes in the wee hours of Friday to take about 60 young men – including two who were Covid-positive and recovering under home isolation -- into custody for suspected involvement in the Tuesday evening's rioting and arson in Kaval Byrasandra.

Shaheen Taj, whose sons were held

Ayesha Hussain, sister of Tabrez Hussain, a 29-year-old DHL employee, who is among those taken into custody, told The New Indian Express that her brother and several others in her apartment on Shapur Main Road in Devarajeevanahalli police limits, were "randomly arrested on zero grounds. They were here with us (at home) when the riot happened. They have not informed us where they have been taken into custody and no arrest notice was given to us. Without information, we cannot even move forward legally," she said.

Two people who were Covid positive and recovering at their homes on Shampur Main Road have have also been detained, but it is unclear whether the police were aware of their condition.

In another apartment on the same road, police barged into the house of a woman who lived with her two sons. "We do not know why they barged into our house. They pushed aside my older son, entered our home and broke the bathroom doors. I had to explain that my son is just a child. In our entire building, they arrested all those who are 18-years of age and above," she told TNIE. It was found that 10 people between the ages of 18 and 30 were arrested in Fathima Enclave apartment.

Shaheen Taj's two sons and son-in-law who is a principal of a girls college, were also taken into custody. She says they have no political affiliations. "My daughter is expecting a child," said an inconsolable Shaheen.

Her daughter said, "When I asked the policemen, they said they are taking them for questioning and will let them go after two hours. But we have not heard from them yet. My brothers' and my husband's phone has remained switched off since, and we are really worried." Zakya Bannu's three sons aged 26, 24 and 21, have been picked up by the police. "My sons are innocent," she said, breaking down.

TNIE was able to access some of the apartment's CCTV footage confirming the persons arrested between 1.15 am and 1.30am.

A senior officer said that they have been detained for various reasons such as involvement in stone pelting, burning vehicles, instigation through phone calls or forwarding the provocative social media post, supplying rods or petrol, among others.

Joint Commissioner of Police (crime), Sandeep Patil, said, "The arrests were made on the basis of evidence collected, both technical and physical evidence. Once the chargesheet is filed, the courts will decide."

K'taka govt to recommend PFI, SDPI ban: Minister

Bengaluru: Revenue Minister R Ashoka on Friday said the State Government will recommend to the Centre to ban the SDPI and PFI in Karnataka. "We are waiting for the CM's approval. Once we get it, we will recommend to the Centre to ban the SDPI and PFI," he told reporters. Since 2008, the government has collected proof on the involvement of these organisations in 17 incidents, including the murders of Prashant Poojari (Mangaluru), Kuttappa (Madikeri), Raju in Mysuru, and Rudresh (Bengaluru). Taking on the Opposition, Ashoka said, "Congress leaders are blaming their own councillors for the violence. However, even in the past, MLA Tanveer Sait has been a victim of an SDPI attack, before Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy," he said, adding, "There is a clash between the SDPI and Congress. But this is the BSY government. No one will be spared." ENS

(Left) MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's house in KB Sandra covered with tarapulin on Friday; RAF men keep watch on Tannery Road ● PICS |VINOD KUMAR T

'Two BBMP councillors likely to be arrested'

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BUT in what could raise more political dust storm, police sources indicated that at least two more BBMP council members may be arrested in connection with the incident. Meanwhile, one of the alleged masterminds of the violence, Firoz Khan, who was arrested a few hours after the incident, has been identified as a member of the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI).

With Friday's crackdown, the total number of arrests has risen to 206. At least 81 of the accused were sent to Parappana Agrahara Central Prison on Thursday evening, and then shifted to Ballari Central Jail in three buses.

So far, 24 FIRs have been filed in connection with the violence, some of them suo motu cases based on the statements of police officials who were attacked by the rioters, and three based on complaints from locals.

Of these, 14 FIRs have been registered at Devara Jeevana Halli police station and 10 at Kadugondanahalli police station.

Naveen's confession

After claiming that his social media account was hacked and that he had no knowledge of the defamatory post, P Naveen, the nephew of MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy, has confessed to have posted the blasphemous post which triggered Tuesday's violence.

"He posted it around 6pm and deleted it by 7 pm on August 11. His social media posts are being investigated by the digital forensic team for a thread of his previous posts," a police officer told The New Indian Express.

Naveen had initially told the police that he had not posted the blasphemous post and that his Facebook account was hacked. He later told the police that he had lost his phone.

"He has now admitted that he had posted that derogatory post on the spur of the moment in response to another derogatory post. Naveen's statements are subject to verification.

His social media activities are under investigation," said the officer.

DEVE GOWDA, KHARGE SEEK JUDICIAL PROBE INTO RIOT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru/Hassan:

TWO senior political leaders, former PM HD Deve Gowda and senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, on Friday demanded a judicial probe into the violence on Tuesday night, targeting Congress MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's residence and police stations in Bengaluru.

Gowda told reporters in Hassan that the probe should be headed by a sitting High Court judge, who can be assisted by the Central Crime Branch. He was speaking after participating in a protest against amendments to the Land Reforms Act, APMC Act and Industrial Disputes Act.

Gowda said the government should take action against the accused and political leaders should stop making allegations against each other. On the demand to ban the SDPI, Gowda said it is the government's decision.

Kharge echoed Gowda's sentiments. "To ensure a fair and impartial probe to find out reasons for the incident and organisations involved, a judicial probe is better," he said, adding that an officer of the rank of district magistrate may find it difficult to conduct the probe. Condemning the incident, Kharge said party politics should be kept out, the MLA should be given protection and the government must instill confidence in people.

SDPI demands court-monitored probe

The SDPI, allegedly responsible for the riots, has also demanded an inquiry by a sitting judge of the Karnataka High Court. Party state president Ilyas Mohammed Thumbe told media on Friday, "We want a sitting High Court judge to head the inquiry, which should be supervised by the High Court. An impartial judicial probe should be held."

He also alleged that P Naveen, who was arrested for a derogatory social media post, has close ties with BJP leaders. Vested interests orchestrated the riots to create a rift between Muslims and Dalits and divide the vote bank, Thumbe added.

Fact-finding committee to probe riots

Bengaluru: Citizens for Democracy, a platform committed to democratic values, safety and security of Indian citizens, has formed a fact-finding committee to survey the recent riots neutrally, without any bias or vested political interests. The committee, headed by retired judge Sirkanth Babaladi, will visit affected areas, listen to victims, access available evidence and submit a report to the government for needful action, a release stated. Retired IAS officer Madan Gopal, retired IFS officer Dr R Raju, retired IRS officer Dr Prakash, former DGP M N Krishnamurthy, journalist R K Mattoo, and six others will be be members of the committee. ENS

Cong, BJP trade charges over Tuesday's violence

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Congress and BJP leaders on Friday blamed each other's parties for the violence in Bengaluru earlier this week.

Congress spokesperson M Lakshman alleged that Tuesday's violence was the handiwork of high-profile BJP leaders, aimed at unseating Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and covering up allegations of corruption in Covid-19 spending against his government.

"Certain leaders are working hard to replace Yediyurappa with their loyalists, and instigated the issue. They are responsible for the wide coverage of the incident in national media to show the CM in a bad light," Lakshman said.

He also alleged that the BJP and Social Democratic Party of India — which has been blamed for the violence — were working in tandem. "The SDPI, which is the driving force behind the violence, is the BJP's B team," he said, adding that the BJP was indirectly promoting the party.

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He claimed that Naveen P, whose derogatory FB post allegedly triggered the violence, was an RSS worker and that his social media posts were proof of his allegiance to the BJP.

Meanwhile, MLC A H Vishwanath said, "It is unfortunate that the Congress is attempting to politicise the issue. It is Congressmen who were responsible for vandalising MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's house, not the BJP. MLA Zameer Ahmed is visiting the houses of those arrested instead of calling on the legislator whose house was attacked. Did those people go to participate in a freedom struggle?"

Differences between Cong, SDPI to blame: Bommai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru:

HOME Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said the violence of Tuesday night in Kaval Byrasandra was a larger conspiracy by the SDPI to disturb peace in the area. Differences within the Congress and with the SDPI are to blame, he said, putting it down to the upcoming BBMP elections.

Bommai spoke to journalists after calling on CM BS Yediyurappa and briefing him about the developments and progress in investigation. He said the number of those arrested had risen to 206 after 60 more suspects, including Congress corporator Irshad Begum's husband Kaleem Pasha, were placed under arrest. Pasha's name figured in three FIRs.

Bommai said the role of the SDPI is being investigated, and the part played by local corporators is being revealed during questioning of the accused. He said that differences between local corporators and MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy, who joined the Congress from the JDS, are also being looked into.

"The split caused friction during the previous assembly election and could also affect the upcoming BBMP elections. We are investigating this along with the larger conspiracy of the SDPI," the Home Minister said. Reports also said that the SDPI was keen to gain ground in the locality that has a considerable Muslim population, he added.

Bommai countered the allegation that there was an inordinate delay in lodging the FIR and taking action against Naveen, who put up a derogatory Facebook post, and said the police had filed the FIR at 7.45pm Tuesday.

Around 8.30pm, the crowd started swelling though the inspector clearly told them the FIR had been filed and Naveen was being tracked. "But the mob wanted the police to hand over Naveen to them, so to keep him safe, he was not brought to the station," he said.

Responding to a question on Congress MLA B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan announcing Rs 5 lakh compensation to the families of the three who died in police firing, Bommai said he would not like to comment.

ED to attach ₹ 12 crore assets of ex-bank employees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a prosecution complaint against Vijayasarathi, former cluster manager of ICICI Bank, Vijayapura, and five others, under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) in a cheating case.

"Vijayasarathi and his associates have acquired the proceeds of crime by cheating ICICI Bank and have layered it in the form of various movable and immovable properties," said an official spokesperson. The agency will attach assets of the accused worth around ₹12.11 crore, which include immovable properties in Bengaluru, Vijayapura, Belagavi and Udupi districts worth ₹5.31 crore and movable assets like cash, bank accounts totalling ₹6.53 crore and gold and silver jewellery worth ₹27 lakh," added the spokesperson.

The ED had initiated a money-laundering investigation based on the four FIRs, which were registered at the APMC police station, Vijayapura and the FIRs were transferred to the CID for investigation. The CID had filed the chargesheet against the accused under Sections 120B, 201, 409, 465, 468, 471, 477A read with Section 36 of the IPC before the jurisdictional court in Vijayapura.

Investigations revealed that Vijayasarathi and other employees of ICICI Bank – Sachin Annappa Patil, Renuka Shetty, Sudeep Shetty, Sajjade Peeran Mushrif and Vijayendra had committed fraud of ₹70.44 crore by using cancelled cheques, unused cheques, through fraudulent transfers, issuing fake fixed deposit receipts, not crediting the cash which was received for credit in the bank accounts of ICICI Bank, BDCC bank, Siddeshwara Co-operative Bank.

Probe against former insurance firm staffer

The ED has also filed a prosecution complaint (PC) against T Pradeep, former administrative officer of Oriental Insurance Company Ltd (OICL), Dharwad, under PMLA.

"Pradeep had acquired the proceeds of crime by misusing his authority in OICL and had transferred the company's fund to third-party beneficiaries and layered the proceeds of crime in the form of movable property. Pradeep had committed fraud of ₹5.03 crore by transferring funds from the company's account to third parties between July 2, 2013 and March 26, 2014. The third-party beneficiaries were fictitious and most of the amount transferred was withdrawn in cash from different ATMs across India," the ED stated. The agency had initiated a money laundering investigation based on an FIR registered by the ACB of the CBI Bengaluru, on April 12, 2014.

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K'taka-Andhra borders at Ballari to be demarcated

Bengaluru: The borders between Karnataka and AP along Ballari will be demarcated. At a meeting on Friday between Revenue Department officials from both states along with the Survey General of India (SGI), it was decided to complete the exercise in two months. After the meeting, Revenue Department principal secretary N Manjunath Prasad said SGI officials will arrive in the two states in a few days. "As many as 100 pillars will be erected – 50 by each state – along the 15-km boundary between the two states," he said. The demarcation was drawn by the Supreme Court and was agreed upon by both the states. ENS

Green Express Highways will trigger industrial development in state, says Nadda

Bengaluru: BJP national president J P Nadda on Friday said the Green Express Highways project sanctioned by the Centre will trigger industrial development in Karnataka. Addressing a function after laying the foundation stone for the party's offices in eight districts and one taluk at a virtual event, he said the Centre has sanctioned Rs 50,000 crore for the construction of 22 such highways in Karnataka and the State government has prepared an action plan for the project. "Once the project is completed, it will trigger an industrial revolution in the State," Nadda said. ENS

Drunk man behind flag incident in Sringeri

Chikkamagaluru: Police on Friday arrested a 28-year-old man in connection with the incident in Sringeri where an alleged 'SDPI flag' was found on the statue of Shankaracharya. Based on CCTV footage, police nabbed the accused, Milind, who is from Bilagadde in Koppa taluk. During interrogation, the accused admitted he was inebriated when he put the cloth on the statue. According to police, as it was raining that night, he took a banner from the Sringeri Jamiya Mosque to cover himself, and later placed it over the statue. During investigation, it was found that the banner did not belong to any political party or organisation. ENS

EDITORIAL

Neelakantha Somayaaji's commentary on the *Aryabhateeya* is elaborate and mathematically interesting. His *Tantrasangraha*, though mainly astronomical, contains all the new developments in mathematics

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— Ramnath Goenka

APEX COURT'S IMAGE CANNOT BE LOWERED BY A FEW TWEETS

On the eve of the 74th Independence Day, the Supreme Court of India reignited a longstanding debate by holding senior advocate Prashant Bhushan guilty of contempt for his recent comments on the state of judiciary in the country. The crux of the SC's observations is as follows: (a) the allegations were made against a judge as a judge and not as an individual and, therefore, would have an adverse effect on the administration of justice; and (b) it was part of a calculated attempt to obstruct or destroy the judicial process.

Two questions arise from the order. The larger question is the relevance of an archaic law like this in a democratic set-up, because it brings into play the overriding right of freedom of expression guaranteed in the Constitution. The second question flows from the general belief that the Supreme Court is the last resort for citizens who seek to guard the values of the Constitution. Our Constitution has given us a noble institution in the form of the Supreme Court to protect citizens from the excesses of either the Executive or the Legislature. But aberrations do occur and it is more than likely that there could be flaws and shortcomings even in the functioning of the judicature. Public criticism, then, is the only option left for course correction. We would like to quote here what Justice V R Krishna Iyer said in 1977 in a case involving a publication in *Indian Express*: "Personal protection of a libeled judge and obstruction of public justice and community's confidence is a great process. The former is not contempt, the latter is, although overlapping spaces abound."

The SC, in our view, is not an institution whose image can be lowered by a few tweets or comments by any individual, irrespective of their standing. Lord Denning recorded what Lord Shawcross said about one of his judgments: "Denning is an Ass." *The Times* (of London) published it but Lord Denning, one of the best judges of the Commonwealth, declined to take contempt action because his view was that he should disprove it not by contempt proceedings but by means of performance. My Lords, we believe the same logic applies to Your Honour as well.

NEED BIO-BUBBLES IN INDIAN SPORTS

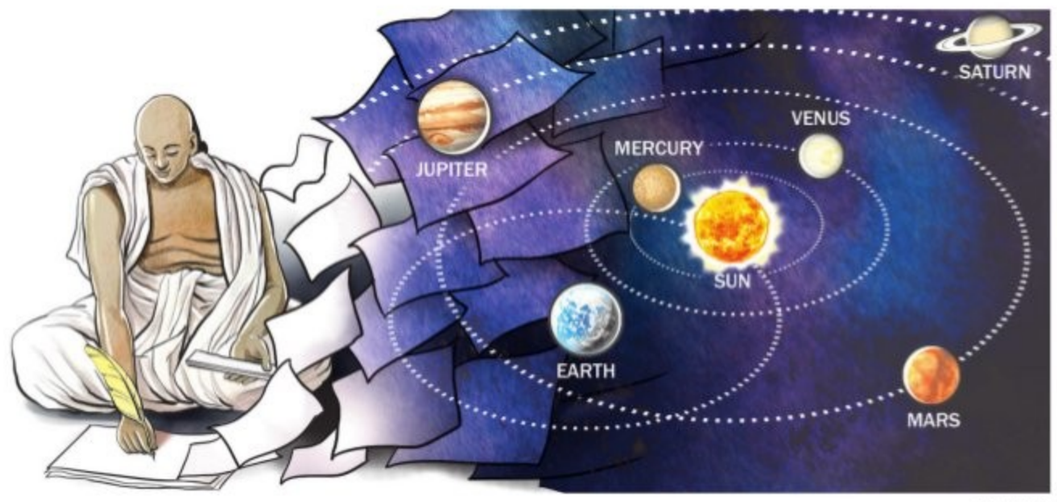
The resumption of sports the world over in the last few weeks has seen a common feature. Cricket in England, football in Europe and golf in the US are all played in a 'bio-bubble'. In short, it is a secure environment where players and others who have to be there are staying in designated places with restrictions on entry and exit. The venues they are playing in also have this kind of arrangement in place. The idea is to ensure that those inside the 'bubble' do not come in contact with the outside world and vice versa.

This concept becomes important in the Indian context as authorities here have started permitting sporting activities in the form of training camps for various sports. And there have been Covid-19 cases as well. In hockey and badminton, players have tested positive. Members of the support staff, Sports Authority of India (SAI) officials and some essential service providers have also caught the virus. One can naturally ask if the time is right for such activities. Before answering that, let us see the difference between sports that have resumed in other countries and the training camps in our nation. Bio-bubble is not yet a regular practice in India. Barring those sports at SAI centres in Patiala and Bengaluru, camps (both national and local) saw athletes travel to the venue from home. Most of the positive cases have come from this group. Inside the venue, they are following social distancing and all that, without remaining secluded from the world outside.

To avoid cases like in badminton, bio-bubbles needs to be created. The responsibility of enforcing them lies with the sports ministry and the SAI as well as the athletes and support staff. They have to realise that under the circumstances, sports can happen only in specifically designed conditions with a low-risk possibility. If need be, authorities should make an extra effort to explain the importance of maintaining this environment instead of just handing out standard operative procedures. This is important because positive cases could be a new norm in the months to come. So if sports and training are considered necessary, getting used to the bio-bubble has to be the first step.

With *Aryabhateeya* began a systematic mathematical treatment of astronomical problems. Neelakantha Somayaaji & others of the Kerala school (14th-17th century CE) later made important contributions

ARYABHATA AND THE START OF *SIDDHAANTIC* ASTRONOMY IN INDIA



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Aryabhateeya was composed in 499 CE by Aryabhata in Kusumapura, which is identified with Pataliputra (essentially modern Patna). This text heralded the advent of *siddhaantic* astronomy in India, which gives a systematic mathematical treatment of astronomical problems. *Aryabhateeya* is very brief and has only 121 stanzas. It has four parts, one of which is devoted to mathematics. It is in this part that the computation of the sine function (*jyaa* in India) is discussed. The *jyaa* is far more convenient than the Greek chord for astronomical computations, and is essentially the modern 'sin theta'.

Aryabhateeya states: "The globe of the Earth stands (supportless) at the centre of the circular frame of asterisms surrounded by the orbits (of the planets); it is made up of water, earth, fire and air and is spherical." It is one of the earliest texts anywhere to discuss the rotation of the earth: "Just as a man in a boat moving forward sees the stationary objects as moving backward, just so are the stationary stars seen by people at Lanka (on the equator), as moving exactly towards the west."

Aryabhateeya introduces the concept of a *mahaayuga* of 43,20,000 years, in which all the planets (the Sun and the Moon are also considered as planets) make an integral number of revolutions around the earth. The number of revolutions in a *mahaayuga* is specified for each planet. From this, the 'mean' position of the planet at any time can be calculated. Then, 'epicycle' models are used to calculate the true positions of the planets. Aryabhata has his own version of the epicycle theory, which differs in details from the Greek versions. Thanks to the *jyaa*, the true positions can be found from simple formulae, in contrast to the method of Ptolemy, the most important Greek astronomer who lived in the second century in Alexandria. Ptolemy's methods for calculating the true positions of planets and other astronomical quantities are far more complicated, involving cumbersome geometrical reasoning and use of several tables.

Apart from the planetary positions, *Aryabhateeya* gives algorithms for finding solutions for problems associated with the daily movements of the planets and the stars on the celestial sphere, relation between the time and the shadow of a gnomon, parallax, lunar and solar eclipses, and so on.

Aryabhateeya laid the framework for the future development of mathematical astronomy or the *siddhaantas* in India. *Aryabhateeya* is very cryptic, whereas the latter texts are far more detailed. However, they are also mainly algorithmic. There would be commentaries on the main texts, which would give detailed explanations, and derivations and proofs too at times.

Some of the most important texts in the *siddhaantic* tradition after *Aryabhateeya* were *Pancasiddhaantikaa* of Varaahamihira (around 520 CE), *Mahaabhaaskareeya* and *Aryabhateeyabhaashya* (629 CE) of Bhaskara-I, *Braahmasphutasiddhaanta* of Brahmagupta (628 CE), *Siddhaantasiromani* of Bhaskara-II (1150 CE), and the Kerala works that we will discuss shortly. *Siddhaantasiromani* is a landmark in the history of Indian astronomy, with a marvellous autocommentary that explains all the concepts with proofs. One can clearly discern a continuous evolution of ideas and improvements in calculational procedures in the *siddhaantic* tradition.

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Apart from the theoretical treatises, there were *karana* texts that excelled in giving simplified procedures for calculations using tables and elementary arithmetical manipulations, without giving up accuracy. These made it possible for a variety of *pancaangas* (almanacs) to be prepared throughout India. There is also the *vaakya* system where the positions of the Sun, the Moon and the planets can be determined at any time, using tables of *vaakyas* (words and phrases that can be translated into numbers), and some bare arithmetical calculations.

Madhava (late 14th century), Parameshvara, Neelakantha Somayaaji, Jyeshthadeva, Sankara Variar, Acyuta Pisaarati, and Putumana Somayaaji are some of the important figures in the 'Kerala school', which made very important contributions to mathematics and astronomy during the 14th to 17th centuries. In an earlier article, we mentioned the first significant steps in calculus taken by Madhava and the astronomer-mathematicians who followed him in Kerala.

In astronomy, Neelakantha Somayaaji (circa 15th-16th century CE) made important innovations in planetary models and spherical trigonometry. He made a detailed scientific analysis of the earlier theories for the motions of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, especially the first two. From this, he came to the conclusion that the planets move in 'eccentric orbits' around the Sun, which itself moves around the Earth. This model is implicit in his *Tantrasangraha* (1500 CE), but described in detail in his famous commentary on *Aryabhateeya*, and other works like *Siddhaantadarpana* and *Grahasphutaanayane Vikshepavaasanaa*. His model (in the illustration above) was before the famous heliocentric model of Copernicus (1542 CE). The Copernican model has some flaws that are absent in Neelakantha's model, which is very similar to Tycho Brahe's one (1580 CE).

Candrasekhara Simha Saamanta (1835-1904) from Orissa made extensive observations of the Moon and the planets using simple instruments designed by himself. Based on these, he made many innovations within the *siddhaantic* tradition. These are described in his monumental treatise named *Siddhaantadarpana*. His planetary model is similar to that of Neelakantha and Tycho Brahe.

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TURNING ZERO ACADEMIC YEAR INTO LATENT ACADEMIC YEAR

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The demand for a zero academic year is being raised as there is no respite from the coronavirus. The online classes going on now are an emulation of real classrooms, and also a travesty of education. Moreover, the availability of digital devices continues to cause a huge gap in society. It is in this context that the demand for this year to be considered a zero academic year is emerging from various quarters of society.

What is the zero academic year? Our educational process is structured in such a way that it progresses hierarchically from one stage to the other. Each academic year, the cognitive abilities that the student acquires through the teaching-learning process form the basis for the next year. Therefore, it is imperative that every student pass through each step as they are connected spirally.

If students are not able to successfully complete an academic year, it deprives them the basics to progress to higher levels. But this is a unique situation in which no student is able to complete the minimum requirements for getting promoted to the next level. This is where the discussion of the zero academic year comes into play. A zero academic year makes all students eligible to proceed to the next stage without any screening. To put it a little more clearly, zero academic year means giving everyone the right to enter the next level without the mandated teaching-learning process.

What should we do? The answer to this question should emerge from what we are doing now. What is currently going on as part of online education is only a digital imitation of the teaching process in the classroom, where a teacher teaches and students watch remotely. In fact, this is a distortion of not only the original classroom but also of digital teaching. The digital system is designed to facilitate individualised learning.

The immediate thing to do is to reduce the content of the syllabus. It is to be noted that this syllabus reduction is not only for this year but for the next year as well. This is because the syllabi are arranged in a spiral structure. What is learned this year should be the basis for next year. So if the students do not study the basics this year, they will struggle to imbibe the content of next year as well.

Would cutting a few chapters serve the purpose? The answer is no. Doing so may be unscientific as well. But the chapters that are not absolutely necessary can be omitted. What we need to do is to conceptually reconstruct the subtleties contained in the syllabus. It should be possible to reduce the syllabus to ideas, concepts and principles, and present it to the students with examples. Evaluation should be done not to see whether the students have acquired knowledge but to see if the student has acquired these concepts, ideas and principles. This would be tantamount to converting a zero academic year into a latent academic year.

> This crisis gives us a great opportunity to think about what we can do to make the exam more enjoyable, not just in the zero academic year. This is the ideal time to think about take-home examinations, one of the main options in the open exam system. Such exams have been recognised all over the world as the most effective way to assess the higher-order cognitive abilities of students

Possibilities offered by latent academic year: This crisis gives us a great opportunity to think about what we can do to make the exam more enjoyable, not just in the zero academic year. This is the ideal time to think about take-home examinations, one of the main options in the open exam system. The take-home examination system and the open examination system have been recognised all over the world as the most effective way to assess the higher-order cognitive abilities of students.

But our teachers need to be trained before the take-home examination system can be introduced. This is because if traditional questions are asked in the take-home exam, the chances of fraud are very high.

We live in an age of information technology. The main challenge our students face is not the availability of knowledge but the abundance of knowledge. Therefore, the most important skill required is not to memorise the answers but to summarise the answers to each question and use them in the way we want. The questions in the open examination system should be for the evaluation of higher-order cognitive abilities such as critical, analytical, creative, etc.

Such tests should not ask questions that can be taken from books and various sources of knowledge. The questions should be set to understand interpretation, analysis, critique, creativity and problem-solving ability. It is important to make sure that the answers to such questions are not available in different sources. Only then will teachers be able to confirm the utility of their question. At the same time, when evaluating such questions, teachers need to relate to students in a way that identifies their spontaneous writing style. This relationship can help teachers avoid large-scale external interventions like adult assistance and quickly identify them if they occur. The student can be deterred from augmented writing by limiting the number of words in an answer. Therefore, the work of learning is transformed to a variety of mental activities such as discovery, analysis, critique and evaluation of information.

The time has come for the educational authorities to start working on reconstructing the syllabus and the evaluation process by prioritising the acquisition of concepts, principles and ideas as the pivot of the teaching-learning process. If learning and teaching can be reconstructed in this way, there is no doubt that the zero academic year can be converted into a latent academic year.

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Improve healthcare infra

This is with reference to *Create public health capacity and cadre* (Aug 14). The author has brought out the inadequacy in our healthcare infrastructure at an appropriate time. It is a timely warning that we must focus on improving public health if we do not want to face such disastrous consequences in the future.

R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

Public health cadre needed

The author has highlighted the shortfalls of our present health system and the lackadaisical treatment meted out at all levels despite the National Health Policy, 2017, aiming to establish a public health management cadre in all states. These plans should be implemented as soon as possible.

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

From the days of yore

This is with reference to *The idea of India: A historical corrective* (Aug 14). Some have claimed that India became a united nation only after the British. But the author has rightly identified with historical examples that India was constituted in the days of yore and was united by the consciousness of its people.

A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

No need for euphoria

The Joe Biden-Kamala Harris team running for the White House is nothing for us to be euphoric about. The choice of Harris is to impress certain sections of US voters. Their views on Kashmir will influence certain other US citizens. They must understand that India is not a consort of convenience anymore.

B Kailash Shankar, T'puram

Vilifying the media

This is with reference to *Vilifying the media is not right* (Aug 14). Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan is noted for whimsically snubbing media persons and shunning inconvenient questions. His evening news conferences are often replete with boasts and prevarications. He deliberately avoids controversial issues by repeatedly praising his government's performance on handling the pandemic.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Fourth pillar of democracy

The media is an interface between the leader and the citizens, taking the achievements as well as failures of the ruling establishment to the public. It is the fourth pillar of democracy. Commendations and criticisms must be taken equally by political leaders.

R Sridharan, Chennai

True spirit of secularism

The news about Hindus backing the construction of a mosque in Ayodhya is wonderful. The active participation of Muslims in the Bhoomi Pujan of the Ram temple and now the willingness of many Hindus in contributing to the mosque is a gesture of unity that reflects the true spirit of secularism.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

SC & regional languages

The top court has rightly suggested that the Centre amend the Official Languages Act to accommodate regional languages alongside Hindi and English. With the latest technology, it is not difficult to translate documents in as many languages as needed. Keeping in view the diversity and migration in India, all states must follow the three-language policy.

N Y Acharya, Udupi

B'luru violence not justified

That arson and vandalism of such a degree took place in Bengaluru, a city least known for communal tensions, is a matter of concern. It would have been much worse if not for the effective action by the police. Someone posting objectionable comments on social media cannot justify arson and damage of property. From the scale of violence, it seems there are some organised elements waiting to disrupt peace.

R Kasthurirangan, Bengaluru

Threat to national security

The findings that the SDPI seems to be behind the Bengaluru violence is serious and poses a grave threat to national security. It is time all states work in tandem to stop the extremist ideology from becoming a national threat.

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Salman Anees Soz @SalmanSoz
The Supreme Court finds a citizen's criticism contemptible but remains silent when the government brazenly lies to it

Jignesh Mevani @jigneshmevani80
India's Constitution is more supreme than SC. But if the pillars begin to corrode then how long will the Constitution survive?

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
When talking of contempt, can we forget that the criminal contempt case regarding Babri Masjid has been pending before the SC for nearly 28 years?

WHAT SC SAID

In order to protect the larger public interest, such attempts of attack on the highest judiciary of the country should be dealt with firmly.

If such an attack is not dealt with, with requisite degree of firmness, it may affect the national honour and prestige in the comity of nations. Fearless and impartial courts of justice are the bulwark of a healthy democracy and the confidence in them cannot be permitted to be impaired by malicious attacks upon them.

A possibility of the other judges getting an impression that they may not stand protected from malicious attacks, when the Supreme Court has failed to protect itself from malicious insinuations, cannot be ruled out. As such, in order to protect the larger public interest, such attempts of attack on the highest judiciary of the country should be dealt with firmly.

No doubt, that the court is required to be magnanimous, when criticism is made of the judges or of the institution of administration of justice. However, such magnanimity cannot be stretched to such an extent, which may amount to weakness in dealing with a malicious, scurrilous, calculated attack on the foundation of the institution of the judiciary...

'Silent bar can't lead to strong SC'

Legal experts feel contempt order against Bhushan will prevent free debate on court's role

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

HOLDING advocate **Prashant Bhushan** guilty of contempt of court, the Supreme Court on Friday said punishing a lawyer was an extreme measure, but nevertheless necessary to keep the streams of justice pure and undefiled.

"Judiciary is the central pillar of Indian democracy. It is the duty of the court to punish to preserve its dignity," the order emphasised.

However, legal experts begged to differ, saying criticism doesn't amount to contempt. "The judgment in Prashant Bhushan case will discourage lawyers from being outspoken. A silenced bar cannot lead to a strong court," said senior advocate Sanjay Hegde.

Advocate Apar Gupta tweeted, "Criticism of the Supreme Court even when unfair is not contempt. It is for the love of an institution that upholds an ideal of social justice and fundamental rights."

Supreme Court Advocate on Record Anas Tanvir said, "The power of contempt is to be sparsely used. This has been a stated rule since forever. The absolute power that contempt is needs to be wielded with much care. It may seem that the Supreme Court became a little too sensitive about Prashant Bhushan's comments. A similar sensitivity was not shown when Justice R Banumathi was abused on Twitter for mentioning her religion or when a functionary of the ruling party said that the top court is in their hands."

Echoing similar views, advocate Krishna Sharma said, "The Supreme Court is a public institution and the judges are open to criticism. So these things should not become the subject matter of contempt."

Eminent persons from other fields also expressed disappointment in the judgment. Historian Ramchandra Guha tweeted, "Through this act, the Supreme Court has let itself down, and has let the Republic down too. A dark day for Indian democracy."

CPM leader Sitaram Yechury tweeted, "The judgment will prevent open and free discussion on the role of the SC in India's democracy."

When HC judge, lawyer, author were held guilty

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday found civil rights lawyer Prashant Bhushan guilty of criminal contempt for his two tweets on the judiciary. Bhushan, however, is not the first to be held guilty of contempt of court.

In 2002, Booker Prize winner Arundhati Roy was held guilty of the criminal contempt of court and sentenced to simple imprisonment for a day and a fine of ₹2,000 by the Supreme Court. The court was offended by her criticism on the judgment given by the bench in her another contempt of court case.

HC judge faced wrath

In 2017, the SC sentenced Calcutta HC judge C S Karnan to six months of jail, holding him guilty of contempt of court

The bench had then held that the contempt notice was issued to her not for having attributed motives to a particular judge but for imputing motives to the court in general, as if the judiciary was carrying out a personal vendetta against her.

In 2009, noted criminal lawyer R K Anand was held guilty of contempt of court for trying to influence a witness in the BMW hit-and-run case by the SC and had stripped him from his senior advocate designation. The court, however, did not send him to jail and accepted his apology and offer to provide free legal aid to the poor for a year and to donate ₹21 lakh for improving the legal education infrastructure.

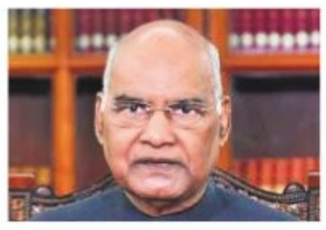
In 2017, the court sentenced a sitting judge, C S Karnan of the Calcutta HC, to six months of imprisonment, holding him guilty of contempt of court. He was the first serving high court judge to be sent to prison for contempt. The court had taken suo motu cognizance of Karnan's misconduct in accusing members of the judiciary of nepotism, casteism and corruption when he served as a judge in the Madras HC. He was subsequently transferred to the Calcutta HC.

India is capable of giving a befitting reply: President

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

ADDRESSING the nation on the eve of the 74th Independence Day Friday, President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday said while India believes in peace, the Galwan Valley incident has shown that the country is capable of giving a befitting response to any attempt of aggression.

While he referred to the border standoff with China along the Line of Actual Control in Eastern Ladakh and the Galwan incident, in which 20 soldiers were killed, the President, without naming China, said "some in our neighbourhood" tried to carry out a "misadventure of expansion" and were given a "befitting response". "While the global community needs to fight together against the greatest challenge before humanity (Covid-19), some in our neighbourhood tried to carry out their misadventure of expansion. Our brave soldiers laid down their lives defending our borders," he said. "Those worthy sons of Bharat Mata lived and died for national pride... Every Indian feels grateful to their family members."



"Their bravery in combat has demonstrated that while we believe in peace, we are also capable of giving a befitting response to any attempt of aggression. We are proud of the members of our armed forces, paramilitary forces and police personnel who protect the borders, and ensure our internal security," he said.

Mentioning the 'Aatmanirbhar' initiative launched by PM Narendra Modi, the President allayed the fears of foreign investors saying India's self-reliance means being self-sufficient without alienating or creating distance from the world, with which it would continue to engage.

Kovind also praised India's "super-human" efforts in containing the Covid-19 pandemic and said the nation is indebted to health officials who have been at the forefront of the fight against the disease.

He said the Bhoomi Pujan of the Ram temple was "a moment of pride for all".

Emergency humanitarian aid being loaded onto an IAF C17 aircraft | TWITTER

India sends medical, food supplies to Lebanon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INDIA on Friday sent 58 MT of relief material, including medical and food supplies, to Lebanon following the explosions in Beirut that killed more than 150 people and left several others homeless. The material was transported by an Indian Air Force (IAF) C17 aircraft.

"India demonstrates solidarity with the people of Lebanon in the aftermath of the tragic explosions in Beirut. 58 MT of emergency humanitarian aid, including crucial medical and food supplies, is on its way to Beirut in IAF C17 aircraft," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar tweeted.

According to EAM spokesperson Anurag Srivastava, the relief material was received by Indian Ambassador to Lebanon Suhel Ajaz Khan in the presence of Lebanese government officials.

"India is a dependable partner! We supplied relief material this morning for the Lebanese people in the aftermath of the terrible tragedy of Aug 4. I wish to thank MOFA and Lebarmy Official for their coordination," the envoy tweeted.

Srivastava said the consignment contains emergency medical supplies, wheat flour, sugar and pulses, and also relief material such as blankets, dignity kits and sleeping mats, which are required as a large number of people have been rendered homeless.

"In light of the spike in the Covid-19 cases in Lebanon, India has separately sent PPEs, including surgical gloves and surgical gowns. The consignment is expected to reach Beirut in the coming days," the MEA spokesperson said.

Amit Shah tests Covid negative, to stay in home isolation for now

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister **Amit Shah**, who was undergoing treatment for coronavirus, on Friday tweeted that he has tested negative. Shah was admitted on August 2 to Gurugram's Medanta Hospital after he tested positive for the infection.

"Today my coronavirus test report has come negative. I thank God and at the moment I express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have blessed me and my family by wishing me well. Will stay in home isolation for a few more days on the advice of doctors," Shah tweeted.

Shah, 55, also thanked the doctors and other paramedical staff of Medanta Hospital for taking care of him and treating him to recover from coronavirus. Just four days before Shah tested positive for highly contagious Covid-19, Shah had attended a cabinet meeting where the National Education Policy (NEP) was approved. The meeting was attended by all top ministers, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Government officials had said all safety norms, including social distancing, were followed at the meeting and later, extensive contact tracing was carried out and anyone who came in contact with Shah was asked to self-isolate.

MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit and Karnataka CM BS Yediyurappa are some other prominent personalities who tested positive in recent times. *ENS*

Mukherjee still on ventilator

NEW DELHI: The condition of former President Pranab Mukherjee remains critical but has not worsened, his daughter Sharmistha Mukherjee said on Friday.

Doctors attending on the him at the hospital said his condition remained unchanged on Friday morning. Mukherjee was admitted to the Army's R&R Hospital in Delhi on Monday and was operated for the removal of a clot in the brain. He had also tested positive for Covid-19.

"The condition of Shri Pranab Mukherjee remains unchanged this morning. He is under intensive care and continues to be on ventilatory support. His vital parameters are presently stable," the hospital said in a statement. *ENS*

Health min seeks ₹150 cr for 2nd-gen AIIMS treating Covid-19 patients

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE Union Health Ministry has asked the Finance Ministry for an additional ₹150 crore to allocate to the second generation AIIMS, that have emerged as a Covid-19 hub in some states, mainly those with weak health infrastructure.

There are six second-generation AIIMS in the country — Patna, Jodhpur, Bhubaneshwar, Bhopal, Rishikesh and Raipur. While some of these, such as AIIMS-Patna, have been fully converted into Covid-19 hospitals in the absence of well-resourced tertiary care hospitals in the state, specific wings of some others have been reserved exclusively for coronavirus patients.

The Centre, in the Union budget this year, had already proposed ₹6,020 crore for Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana — under which 22 AIIMS-like institutions are to be developed across India apart from upgrading some district medical colleges — marking a rise of over 25 per cent for the scheme in the last fiscal. Of these 22 institutions, six are fully functional and MBBS classes are on in five others, at Raebareli, Gorakhpur, Mangalagiri, Nagpur and Bhatinda with OPD.

In Bibinagar, Kalyani and Deoghar, MBBS classes for small batches of students have started without OPD services, while the institutions are under various stages of development in Bilaspur, Guwahati, Rajkot, Samba(Jammu), Awantipor(Kashmir), Manethi, Madurai and Darbhanga.

"While some equipment such as ventilators have been provided to most of these institutions by the Centre, there is constant expenditure on essentials such as PPE kits, N95 masks, drugs and other consumables for which we need additional funds during this unprecedented phase," an official in the ministry told this newspaper.

India urges China to complete stalled disengagement process along LAC

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

INDIA on Friday reiterated that it would like the ongoing disengagement process to be completed at the earliest, but cautioned that it could be achieved through mutually agreed reciprocal actions, even as Indian Ambassador to China Vikram continued to meet top officials in Beijing to apprise them of the situation along the LAC.

"Both sides have agreed on broad principles of disengagement and based on it, some progress had been earlier made. Translating these principles on the ground is a complex process that requires re-deployment of troops by each side towards their regular posts on their respective sides of the LAC. It is natural that this can be done only through mutually agreed reciprocal actions," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

The comments come days after Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Weidong, in an article, accused Indians of triggering the June 15 violent face-off in the Galwan Valley and said the onus of disengagement was not on Beijing.

Meanwhile, Indian Ambassador Vikram Misri on Friday met a senior member of China's Central Military Commission and discussed New Delhi's position on the current standoff with Beijing at the border. "Ambassador @VikramMisri today met Major General Ci Guowei, Director of the Office of International Military Cooperation of the Central Military Commission and briefed him on India's stance vis-a-vis the situation on the borders in eastern Ladakh UT," the Indian Embassy in Beijing tweeted.

Indian Ambassador to China Vikram Misri meets Maj Gen Ci Guowei, director of China's Central Military Commission, in Beijing on Friday | PTI

Misri on Wednesday met CPC Central Committee on foreign affairs deputy director Liu Jianchao, considered as a key aide of Chinese President Xi Jinping, and discussed the situation at the border.

Srivastava said India continues to engage with China militarily and diplomatically, and further meetings are likely soon to discuss the more steps in the disengagement process in accordance with the agreement of the special representatives.

"We expect that the Chinese side to sincerely work with us towards the objective of complete disengagement and de-escalation and full restoration of peace and tranquillity in the border areas as agreed by the Special Representatives. This is also necessary and essential in the context of the overall development of our bilateral relationship'," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Health joint secy Lav Agarwal tests positive for coronavirus

New Delhi: Lav Agarwal, the joint secretary in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has tested positive for the Covid-19. A 1996-batch IAS from Andhra Pradesh cadre, Agarwal announced on Twitter on Friday evening: "Dear All, Just to inform that I have tested positive for Covid 19 and initiating home isolation as per guidelines. Requesting all my friends, colleagues for self-monitoring. Contact tracing will be done by the Health Team."

India exported 23 lakh PPE kits to five countries in July: Centre

New Delhi: India exported 23 lakh PPE kits, a key medical supply at the centre stage to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic, to five countries last month, the Centre said on Friday. These countries include the USA, UK, UAE, Senegal and Slovenia. "This has substantially aided India to position itself in the global export market of PPEs," said the government, adding that at the beginning, there was a global shortage experienced for all kinds of medical equipment.

Amend Act to include TV, says PCI chairman

RITWIKA MITRA @New Delhi

THE Press Council Act, 1978, should be repealed and a new Act should be brought covering all forms of media, including the electronic and digital media, Press Council of India chairperson Justice C K Prasad (Retd) said. Currently, the PCI's scope is limited to the print media.

"I am in favour of a fresh enactment covering every kind of media. They should repeal the Press Council Act and come out with a fresh Act which covers electronic and digital media also. There has to be representation of experts from electronic and digital too," said Justice Prasad, a former Supreme Court judge.

Of late there has been a debate over what has been called "toxic TV debates". The issue has gained currency after Congress national spokesperson Rajiv Tyagi died hours after he participated in a live TV debate two days back.

While Congress leader Jaiveer Shergill has written to I&B minister Prakash Javadekar, appealing to restore "civility" through a code of conduct, many others have also raised concerns over the nature and standard of TV debates. The PCI chief said there was a need for an independent body to oversee the functioning of the electronic media, advise them and entertain complaints if any.

"It should not be like wrestling or boxing. We get very little substance or statistics. The current debate is '*haa haa kar* and *jai jai kar*.' It must stop. Raising your voice does not make one firm in a debate. It is a weakness," Justice Prasad said. Stressing that self-regulation was a "catchy" phrase, he said the PCI received more complaints relating to TV debates as compared to complaints against the print media.

But, the council was helpless and can't act on the complaints as it was beyond its current ambit. The complaints were on the way debates were conducted around the Tablighi Jamaat event in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic and the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput, Justice Prasad said.

"I am not in favour of converting the present council into a media council. Currently, there are experts from the print media alone. There have been demands for the PCI be converted into a media council. Unless there is a statutory body, people do not have confidence, it should be insulated from government interference," he added.

Constituted in 1966 as an autonomous, statutory, quasi-judicial body, the PCI's overall responsibilities include newspapers maintaining their independence, building a code for newspapers and journalists "in accordance with high professional standards" and ensuring on the part of newspapers and journalists the maintenance of high standards of "public taste", among others.

JAMMU&KASHMIR
About 15,000 self employed engineers in Jammu and Kashmir are on verge of losing their livelihood as the government has abolished Self Help Groups of engineers and their work quota of 30 per cent in various departments

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Bhopal	29	24	Panaji	28	24
Jaipur	31	26	Patna	32	27
Amritsar	32	25	Lucknow	30	25
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	30	23
Srinagar	34	20	Chandigarh	32	26

CRPF assistant commandant gets Police Medal seventh time in 4 yrs

Naresh Kumar has been at forefront in the force's fight against terrorism in Kashmir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CRPF Assistant Commandant Naresh Kumar, one of the 926 police personnel who were awarded this year's Police Medal by the President, won the award for the seventh time within a span of four years.

Kumar has been at the forefront of fighting terrorism in Kashmir, leading the CRPF's Quick Action Team (QAT) in Srinagar. The CRPF QAT, which is taking on Pakistan sponsored terrorists, has won more than 15 gallantry medals so far.

Other awardees of the medal include DIG Atul Kumar Goel who caught DSP Davinder Singh while he was travelling with terrorists in Kashmir, and Inspector Mohan Chand Sharma of Delhi Police Special Cell who died in the Batla House encounter in 2008.

Former CRPF IG deployed in Srinagar, Ravideep Singh Sahi and the present Valley QAT commander, Loukrakpam Ibomcha Singh and his teammate constable Devsant Kumar have also been awarded Police Medals for Gallantry, for leading a brave operation where two militants were neutralised by the security forces.

Naresh Kumar had last won gallantry medal on Republic Day for leading the team that killed three Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists at Srinagar's Chattabal area | TWITTER

Out of the 55 gallantry medals awarded to CRPF, 41, or almost 57% of the total gallantry medals, were awarded for operations in J&K while 14 relate to the operations against Maoists in Chhattisgarh.

No one was given the President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG) this time. Besides gallantry medals, the 926 awards also included medals for distinguished service and meritorious service medals.

Overall, the CRPF won the second highest number, 55, of gallantry medals. The police force that won most gallantry medals was the Jammu and Kashmir Police (81). With 23 gallantry medals, Uttar Pradesh Police came third. A total of 215 medals for gallantry medal, 80 for distinguished service and 631 for meritorious service were awarded.

As for the armed forces, President Ram Nath Kovind approved gallantry awards for defence personnel, including Shaurya Chakra to three from the Army for counter-terrorist operations in J&K.

Wing Commander Vishak Nair was awarded the Shaurya Chakra. Those from the Army who have been awarded Shaurya Chakra are Lt.Col. Krishan Singh Rawat from the elite Special Forces, Major Anil Urs and Havildar Alok Kumar Dubey.

Ops in Kashmir, Chhattisgarh win most awards
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UNEASY CALM

Policemen pay tribute to their two colleagues who were killed in a militant attack in Srinagar on Friday | PTI

JAISH KILLS TWO COPS, KASHMIR ON ALERT

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

SECURITY apparatus was bolstered further in the Kashmir Valley for Independence Day functions after Jaish-e-Mohammad militants killed two policemen and injured another in the outskirts of Srinagar on Friday.

Inspector General, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said two Jaish militants fired on a joint party of police and SSB at Nowgam area at around 9.30 am in which policemen Fayaz Ahmad and Ishfaq Ayoub were killed and another critically injured.

The attack took place even as security deployment was tight to ensure a safe environment for I-Day functions.

At the sidelines of the wreath laying ceremony of the slain policemen, Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh told media that security agencies were working to identify the attackers.

Militants held
Two militant associates belonging to proscribed outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) were arrested from Pulwama district and explosive material seized from their possession, police said

Referring to the attack, the DGP said militants always try to target police and security forces and they succeed at times. Pakistan and its proxies cannot tolerate peace in the Valley and they try to disturb the situation whenever it improves, he said.

The DGP said after the militant attack, security across the Valley has been further tightened and intensified to ensure peaceful conduct of I-Day functions. "The police will be using drones and CCTV-fitted vehicles apart from physical deployment of personnel."

Security personnel have set up temporary *nakas* (pickets) at various areas in Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir Valley, where the passersby and vehicles are being thoroughly checked by the security men.

All the areas around the Sheri Kashmir cricket stadium in Srinagar, where main I-Day function in the Valley would be held, have been sanitised and the area has made out of bounds for civilian movement. Sharp shooters are deployed in top floors of some buildings adjacent to the stadium to maintain round-the-clock vigil.

BENGAL

Over 20 lakh apply for 2K openings of forest guard

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

REFLECTING the sorry state of joblessness in West Bengal, over more than 20 lakh applicants — including many with PhD, MSc and MA degree — applied for 2,000 posts of forest guard for which candidates should be at least 8th class pass.

The post offers ₹10,000 in monthly remuneration.

Flooded by the unexpected number of applications, the forest department is struggling to find out a way out to take interview of the candidates.

Sources in the forest department said this is the first time that guards are being recruited on the model of civic volunteers' recruitment. "The decision of recruiting these guards was taken to increase job opportunity for youths," said an official of forest department.

Many applicants will not have to appear in a written test and those selected will appear before an interview board. "Since, the required eligibility is Class VIII level education, we expect minimum cancellation of applications during scrutiny. We found postgraduate and PhD applicants among the candidates. Now taking interview of such a large number of candidates is itself a challenge."

The interview board comprises two divisional forest officers and one chief conservator of forest. "We requested our seniors to increase the number of interview boards else completing the recruitment process will be an impossible task."

"We will have to take interview on Saturdays and Sundays also to complete the recruitment process. The applications stashed in 45 gunny bags were sent for scrutiny," Ramprasad Badana, divisional forest officer of Purulia, said.

UP MLA held near Ujjain for extortion

BHOPAL/LUCKNOW: Controversial Uttar Pradesh muscleman MLA **Vijay Mishra** was detained on Friday near Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain, days after he along with his MLC wife and son were booked for extortion and grabbing a house of a close relative in UP's Bhadohi district.

Mishra is a Nishad Party MLA from Gyanpur seat in Bhadohi. The MLA was detained along with his three aides while he was returning from Ujjain after offering prayers at Mahakal temple.

Agar-Malwa district police superintendent Rakesh Sagar said the UP police had alerted the DIG Indore about a case of extortion and house grabbing having been registered against the MLA in UP's Bhadohi district recently in which the MLA is to be arrested. Mishra was stopped at Tanodiya outpost and questioned. "Now, the UP police would proceed against him," the SP Agar Malwa said.

Mishra is an accused in over 70 criminal cases and was booked along with his MLC wife Ramlali Mishra and son Vishnu Mishra in Bhadohi five days back after a relative registered a case against them. *ENS*

J'khand domicile policy will be reviewed: CM

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

JHARKHAND Chief Minister Hemant Soren has decided to review existing *'Sthaniya Niti'* (Domicile Policy) of the previous BJP Government which laid out criteria for identifying original residents of the state.

Soren said that his government has decided to review the policy thoroughly, so that changes required could be made to it. "Time and again, questions have been raised on the domicile policy due to which people also took to the streets against it," he said, adding that changes will be made only after taking all aspects into consideration.

Notably, the domicile policy has always been a contentious issue for the state ever since its creation in 2000. As per the provisions in the Domicile Policy announced by the erstwhile Raghubar Dasled BJP government in 2016, people living in Jharkhand since or before 1985 will be considered as local inhabitants.

BJP leaders want the government to clear its stand whether it want 1932 land records as the basis of it or not. "This is just eyewash as Jharkhand PSC results were declared recently on the basis of the existing domicile policy only. If they are really opposed to it, they should not have declared the results," said BJP spokesperson Kunal Sarangi.

EXPRESS READ

Sushant's sister calls for 24-hour prayer event today
Patna: Shweta Singh Kriti, the sister of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput, has called for a Global 24-hour Spiritual and Prayer Observation on August 15 seeking justice for her brother. Taking to Twitter, Kriti appealed to the people to join the Global 24-Hour event at 10am for her late actor brother and pray together "for truth to shine forth and for God to guide us."

Punjab: Fraudsters launch website to target students
Chandigarh: Within 48 hours of the launch of the Punjab Smart Connect Scheme, a fraudulent website has come up. Worse, messages are being circulated on social media platforms with a link promising free smartphones for students. The Amarinder Singh government issued an advisory to the public alerting them not to fall prey to such online fraudsters.

Nitish takes steps to tap Bihar's ecotourism potential
Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar directed officials to make a comprehensive blueprint for development of ecotourism on a large scale to explore the hidden potential of state in the aftermath of Corona crisis. Nitish also gave a node to go ahead for developing another biological park in Araria district housing almost all wildlife animals of rarest to rare species.

Pending dues: U'Khand HC issues notice to 3 ex-CMs

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

THE Uttarakhand High Court on Friday issued show-cause notices to three former chief ministers and the state chief secretary while hearing a contempt petition over non-compliance of an order on dues for facilities used by the ex-CMs for years.

The ex-CMs include Union HRD minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** and current Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

Kartikey Hari Gupta, counsel for the petitioner, said: "The court has already stated earlier that this is public money and should be returned".

The next hearing is scheduled after four weeks.

The petition was filed by a Dehradun-based NGO, the Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra. In June, the High Court had declared provisions of the Uttarakahnd Former Chief Ministers Facility Act 2019 as ultra vires or 'beyond legal authority of the state'.

After the order, all ex-CMs are now liable to pay the market rent and other expenses amounting to ₹20 crore.

The highest pending rent is due from late ND Tiwari (₹1.12 crore) followed by BS Koshayri (₹47.57 lakh), BC Khanduri (₹46.59 lakh), Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank (₹40.95 lakh) and Vijay Bahuguna (₹37.5 lakh).

Nagas will co-exist with India but not merge, says NSCN-IM chief

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

NATIONAL Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isak-Muivah) chief Thuingaleng Muivah said the Nagas would co-exist with India but not merge with it.

In his 74th "Naga Independence Day" speech on Friday, Muivah said the Government of India, through the Framework Agreement that was signed in 2015, recognised the Naga sovereignty as it speaks of inclusive peaceful co-existence of the two entities sharing sovereign power.

Muivah said 'inclusive' meant all Nagas in different administrative units and political camps are to be included in the agreement. "Co-existence of the two entities is self-explanatory. It means the two peoples and nations will co-exist," he argued. "Political and legal experts admit the terms 'co-existence' and 'shared-sovereignty' apply to two entities, not one entity. The Nagas will co-exist with India sharing sovereign powers as agreed in the Framework Agreement and defined in the competencies. But they will not merge with India."

He said the Nagas had fought back the British for decades and declared independence on August 14, 1947. In 1950, he said, the "Constituent Assembly" of India had invited the Nagas to join the Union of India but it was rejected by the Nagas.

He said the Nagas had also rejected the offer of joining the Union of Burma.

"...The unique history of the Nagas was finally recognized by the BJP-led NDA government on July 11, 2002 during the tenure of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Late (NSCN-IM chairman) Isak Chishi Swu and I came to India on official invitations in 2002, 2005 and 2010 for expediting the negotiations with more seriousness in frequent consultations with the Prime Minister," Muivah said.

Testing time for Centre
Relationship between the NSCN (I-M) and the Centre has strained after interlocutor RN Ravi, who is also Nagaland's Governor, referred to the Naga armed groups as "armed gangs who question the sovereignty and integrity of the nation" by carrying out alleged extortion and violence.

Travel agents write to govt for flight resumption
Two travel agents' associations have written to the state government requesting it to resume flights between Kolkata and six cities with a high number of Covid-19 cases as wells as repatriation flights. The flights to and from Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Nagpur and Ahmedabad have been suspended since July 6 following a request from the state government. It was initially extended till July 31 and then subsequently to August 15. The restriction was further extended till August 31. In the letter, the associations also recommended several safety measures

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KOLKATA DIARY

Online verification for engineering admissions
Students taking admissions in aspiring to take engineering this year will not have to get their certificates and testimonials verified physically before admission as the state JEE board will conduct the process online in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. Officials said that they have made special arrangements this year so candidates can complete the admission process without exposing themselves to any health hazard. The candidates will have to upload documents like their mark sheets on the counselling portal developed by during registration. The documents will be verified by the virtual reporting centres. On August 7, the West Bengal Joint Entrance Examination Board (WBJEEB) had declared the WBJEE 2020 results. This year, 73,119 students appeared for the exam out of which 72,298 were ranked.

Bengal to begin plasma therapy for Covid patients
The West Bengal government has decided to start plasma therapy for a select group of Covid-19 patients as an alternative treatment at the Calcutta Medical College and Hospital, the healthcare unit which is now a dedicated Covid treatment centre. Immunohaematology experts will join a team of doctors engaged in treating infected patients and decide on candidates for plasma therapy depending on their degree of infection and immunity status. As part of the therapy, a patient will get 200ml of plasma.

No charges for applying to govt colleges, universities
The state-run universities and colleges across West Bengal cannot charge for application forms and prospectuses from undergraduate aspirants, the Higher Education Department announced. Saying applicants cannot be charged for scanning or uploading documents for online admission to undergraduate courses, the department has advised colleges to develop scanning and uploading facilities. The department also said candidates cannot be charged for applying to multiple colleges

1.2%

Americans increased their spending at retail stores and restaurants in July for a third straight month, with purchases rising by a seasonally adjusted 1.2%

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	30	21	LC	Los Angeles	34	20	SNY
Colombo	31	25	LR	Melbourne	14	10	LC
Doha	42	30	SNY	Moscow	19	9	LC
Dubai	41	31	SNY	New York	30	19	LC
Houston	38	25	SNY	Singapore	32	26	LR
Istanbul	29	20	SNY	Toronto	27	18	SNY
London	24	17	TDS	Washington DC	29	21	LC

UAE-Israel accord destroys possibility of peace: Palestinians

Iran & Turkey also lashed out at UAE, a regional rival, accusing it of betraying the Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S agreement to establish diplomatic ties with the United Arab Emirates marks a watershed moment in its relations with Arab countries, but the Palestinians say it puts a just resolution of the West Asian conflict even farther out of reach.

The UAE presented its decision to upgrade longstanding ties to Israel as a way of encouraging peace efforts by taking Israel's planned annexation of parts of the occupied West Bank off the table, something Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu swiftly rebuffed by insisting the pause was "temporary."

From the Palestinian perspective, the UAE not only failed to stop annexation, which would dash any remaining hopes of establishing a viable, independent state. It also undermined an Arab consensus that recognition of Israel only come in return for concessions in peace talks — a rare source of leverage for the Palestinians.

"I never expected this poison dagger to come from an Arab country," Saeb Erekat, a senior Palestinian official and veteran negotiator said Friday. "You are rewarding aggression. ... You have destroyed, with this move, any possibility of peace between Palestinians and Israelis."

US President Donald Trump has presented the US-brokered agreement as a major diplomatic achievement and said he expects more Arab and Muslim countries to follow suit. Israel has quietly cultivated ties with the UAE and other Gulf nations for several years as they have confronted a shared enemy in Iran.

Palestinian protesters set aflame cut-outs of (L-R) Benjamin Netanyahu, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan and Donald Trump | AP

In Israel, the agreement has renewed long-standing hopes for normal relations with its Arab neighbors. Netanyahu has long insisted, contrary to generations of failed peace negotiators, that Israel can enjoy such ties without resolving its conflict with the Palestinians. For now, he seems to have been proven right.

"It's hard to claim right now that the 53-year-old occupation is 'unsustainable' when Netanyahu has just proved that not only is it sustainable, but Israel can improve its ties with the Arab world, openly, with the occupation still going," wrote Anshel Pfeffer, a columnist for Israel's Haaretz newspaper.

But the West Asian conflict was never between Israel and the UAE, which have fought no wars and share no borders. And the nature of the agreement will likely force the Palestinians to harden their stance and redouble their efforts to isolate Israel.

The Palestinian Authority issued a scathing statement in response, calling it a "betrayal of Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Palestinian cause," language clearly aimed at inflaming Arab and Muslim sentiment worldwide. *AP*

ALL EYES ON SAUDI ARABIA

The historic UAE-Israel diplomatic deal may prompt other Arab nations to follow suit, but heavyweight Saudi Arabia will be cautious, with more complex political calculations to make, analysts say

ACCORD WILL 'DIVIDE THE MUSLIM WORLD'

At stake in Saudi Arabia is its image in the Muslim world, and the expectation that it will uphold the rights of the Palestinian people

Former Malaysian PM Mahathir Mohamad said the new accord would divide the Muslim world into warring factions and "in this, the Israelis will add fuel to the fire"

BIGGEST PRIZE

Saudi Arabia is Israel's "biggest prize" in potential diplomatic triumphs, writes Bilay Saab, director of the Defense and Security Program at the Middle East Institute, in *Foreign Policy*

ALREADY WARM TOWARDS ISRAEL?

The kingdom, the Arab world's biggest economy and custodian of Islam's holiest sites, has also cultivated ties with Israel in recent years, in a shift spearheaded by de facto leader Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman

My guess is that King Salman will be at least a little annoyed, since this breaks the Arab consensus that the Arab Peace Initiative is the guiding basis for all major diplomacy with Israel

Hussein Ibish, an analyst at the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington

Don admits he's blocking funds to stop mail-in voting

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump frankly acknowledged that he's starving the US Postal Service of money to make it harder to process an expected surge of mail-in ballots, which he worries could cost him reelection.

In a *Fox* interview, Trump explicitly noted two funding provisions that Democrats are seeking in a relief package that has stalled on Capitol Hill. Without the additional money, he said, the Postal Service won't have the resources to handle a flood of ballots from voters who are seeking to avoid polling places during the pandemic. "If we don't make a deal, that means they don't get the money," Trump said.

Trump's statements, come as he is searching for a strategy to gain an advantage in his Nov matchup against Joe Biden.

He's pairing the tough Postal Service stance in congressional negotiations with an increasingly robust mail-in-voting legal fight in states that could decide the poll. *AP*

Trump spins racist conspiracy theory against Kamala Harris

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump on Thursday gave credence to a false and racist conspiracy theory about Kamala Harris' eligibility to be vice president, fueling an online misinformation campaign that parallels the one he used to power his rise into politics.

Asked about the matter at the White House, Trump told reporters he had "heard" rumors that Harris, a Black woman and US-born citizen whose parents were immigrants, does not meet the requirement to serve in the White House. The president said he considered the rumors "very serious."

The conspiracy theory is false. Harris, who was tapped this week by Joe Biden to serve as his running mate on the Democratic ticket, was born in Oakland, California, and is eligible for both the vice presidency and presidency under the constitutional requirements. The question is not even considered complex, as per constitution lawyers.

"Full stop, end of story, period, exclamation point," said Jessica Levinson, a professor at Loyola Law School.

US President Donald Trump and Kamala Harris | AFP

Trump built his political career on questioning a political opponent's legitimacy. He was a high-profile force behind the so-called "birther movement" — the lie that questioned whether Barack Obama, the nation's first Black president, was eligible to serve. Only after mounting pressure during his 2016 campaign did Trump disavow the claims.

Trump made the comments in answer to a reporter's question and appeared to be referencing an op-ed written by John Eastman, a conservative attorney who argues that the US Constitution doesn't grant birthright citizenship. Eastman sowed doubt about Harris' eligibility based on her parents' immigration status. But experts say Harris' parents are beside the point. *AP*

Ex-Navy chief to be Lanka's foreign secy

COLOMBO

THE Sri Lankan government on Friday appointed an ex-commander of the Navy and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's key aide Admiral Jayanath Colombage as the new Foreign Secretary, becoming the first non-foreign service person to hold the top diplomatic post. His appointment came days after the new Cabinet took the oath with President Rajapaksa retaining the key defence ministry.

Colombage, 62, replaces Ravinatha Aryasinha, a career foreign service officer.

This is the first time that a non-foreign service person has been appointed as the Secretary of the Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry. Colombage served the Navy for 36 years and retired as the Commander of the Navy in 2014. *PTI*

Apple, Google remove Fortnite over fee row

SAN FRANCISCO

APPLE and Google on Thursday pulled video game sensation Fortnite from their mobile app shops after its maker Epic Games released an update that dodges revenue sharing with the US tech giants.

The latest version of Fortnite contains a payment system that lets player transactions bypass Apple's App Store and Google's Play, preventing the firms from collecting their typical 30% cut.

Apple, which does not allow users of its popular devices to download apps from anywhere but its App Store, booted the game from its online marketplace, followed later Thursday by Google.

Epic quickly filed a federal lawsuit against Apple, accusing the iPhone maker of wielding monopoly power. *AFP*

Agriculture Produce Market Committee ,
Theerthahalli Main Marketing Complex, Agumbe Road, Theerthahalli, Shivamogga District.
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸೂಚನೆ No. ಕೃಉಮಾಸ (ತೀ)/ಆಧಿಕೆ/450/2020-21 Date: 05.08.2020

Short Term Tender Notification
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Agriculture Produce Market Committee, Theerthahalli invites item-war tenders in two-cover system through e-procurement portal from Class 1 Civil Contractors registered in PWD and e-procurement portal eligible in **standard tender document kw-4** for the works of providing basic infrastructure to Yadehalli-Yoginaraseepura Sub-Market Complex under 2019-20 W.I .F Project, (16 numbers warehouse, C.C.Road, and Drainage and Asphalting). Amount put to tender: Rs **9,34,00,000.00. EMD Rs : 14,01,000.00.** Time for completion: **11** months (excluding rainy season).The last date for receiving filled-in tender forms through e-procurement: **11.09.2020 till 4.30 P M.** Pre-bidding meeting will be held at the office of Secretary on **17.08.2020 at 11.00 A.M.** And technical bid will be opened on **14.09.2020 at 11.00 AM.** The date of opening of commercial bid of eligible technical bidders will be intimated later. The helpline number of e-portal for uploading e-tender is : **080-22485867 or 080-25501216.** More details can be had from website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or Secretary, Agriculture Produce Market Committee , Theerthahalli/ or at the office of Assistant Executive Engineer, No. 3, MDP Sub Division, Shivamogga.

Sd/- (B Gopal) Secretary, A P M C, Theerthahalli
Sd/- (Salekoppa Ramachandra) President, A P M C, Theerthahalli

DIPR/SMG/No.45-08/zenkar/2020-21

Covid-19 vaccine free for US: Officials

WASHINGTON

If a Covid-19 vaccine is proven effective, the US will ensure it's distributed for free to all Americans, officials said Thursday, underscoring there will be no shortcuts on safety.

"We are not at all reducing the regulatory rigor with which we will evaluate and hopefully approve vaccines," Paul Mango, a senior health department official, told reporters.

The vaccine doses themselves will be paid for by the government. Doctors or clinics that administer them will have to be paid but these costs should mostly be covered by private and public insurers.

"Most" commercial insurers have agreed to waive any out-of-pocket costs to their customers, said Mango.

Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, said he was "cautiously optimistic" that at least one of the six vaccines the US had invested in would come through by 2020-end. *AFP*

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No: APMC/DOB/154/2020-21 Date: 10-08-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Construction of Cement Concrete Roads And Drains And Compound Wall at Sub Market Yard Sompura of Doddaballapura Under WIF 2014-15 (2020-21) Work Indent No. **APMC/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT4679.** Project Cost : **Rs. 463.00 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 6.95 Lakhs.** Receipt of Tender Date: **21/09/2020 at 4:00 p.m.** Opening of Tender (Technical Bid) Date: **22/09/2020 at 4:00 p.m.** The further details obtained from website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Secretary APMC, Doddaballapur **Sd/- Chairman, APMC, Doddaballapur**

DIPR/B.Rural/137/MAA Communications/2020-21

Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer-1, Lakes, 3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N. R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.

No.: EE-1(Lakes)/TEND/05/2020-21 Date: 13-08-2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT)-Call-2 (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer-1 (Lakes) BBMP, invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), invites Proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Consultant for Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Cost of the Project (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of "Comprehensive development of Nagareshwara, Nagenahalli Lake"	400.00	25,000/-
2.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of "Development of Mahadevapura-2, Lake".	300.00	25,000/-
3.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of "Improvements to Mahadevapura-1, Lake".	150.00	25,000/-
4.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of "Improvements to Devasandra Lake".	200.00	25,000/-
5.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of "Improvements to Hormavu Agara Lake".	200.00	25,000/-
6.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of "Maintenance & Improvements to Siddapura Lake".	200.00	25,000/-
7.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of "Improvements to Kalkere Lake".	350.00	25,000/-
8.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of "Improvements to Vibhutipura Lake".	400.00	25,000/-
9.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of "Development of Kannura Lake, Phase-1".	1000.00	50,000/-
10.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of "Development of Rampura Lake, Phase-1".	4000.00	1,00,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1). RFP Document & it may be downloaded from the Govt. of Karnataka e-Procurement website from: **14-08-2020. (2).** Pre bid meeting will held on **19-08-2020 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Office of the Chief Engineer Lakes, BBMP. **(3).** Bids must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on **25-08-2020 on or before 4:00 p.m. (4).** Technical Bids will be opened on **26-08-2020 at 4:30 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer-1 (Lakes), BBMP.

"Pay development charges, help to develop Bengaluru"

Indonesia prez vows to shore up inadequate health system

JAKARTA

INDONESIA'S president called on all citizens to turn the Covid-19 crisis into an advancement opportunity and pledged health care reforms in an address Friday ahead of the country's 75th anniversary of independence.

Widodo told members of parliament and top officials the resilience and capacity of Indonesia's health services must be improved on a massive scale as the world's fourth-most populous nation battles the worst pandemic in recent memory. He said his administration would improve human resources and develop hospitals and health centers. *AP*

KERALA STATE TRANSPORT PROJECT
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)/Tender Notice
E-Procurement Notice (Item Rate Contract), **following Two Envelope Bidding Process**
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

KfW Project No.43894
BMZ No. 201865286

Dated: 15.08.2020

1. The Government of India has received financing from German Financial Cooperation with India **Climate –Resilient Reconstruction after Flooding in Kerala** (Loan) from the **KfW** Bank towards the cost of rebuilding climate resilient infrastructures in Kerala and Government of Kerala (GoK) intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for construction of works as detailed below.
2. Bidding will be conducted through Bidding procedures as per the KfW Bank & GoK guidelines. Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the KfW Bank's Guidelines for the Procurement of Consulting Services, Works, Goods, and Non-Consulting Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries.
3. The Project Director, Kerala State Transport Project, Public Works Department, Government of Kerala, now invites online bids through admeasurement (Item Rate) contract mode of execution for the construction of works detailed below:

State	Bid No.	KfW Procurement No.	Name of work	Length Km	Completion Period	Maintenance Period
Kerala	KSTP II/RKI-Pkg IV Work/Rd 2	505993	Rehabilitation and Upgradation of Vadayar-Chandappalam-Mulakkulam Road & Vadayar-Kallattippalam-Muttuchira Road in Kottayam District	24.476	18 Months	5 Years
Kerala	KSTP II/RKI-Pkg IV Work/Rd 5	505994	Rehabilitation and Upgradation of Malamekkara- Kunnathukala -Chala– PuthenchandaFactory Junction- Azad Junction road in Pathanamthitta District	7.866	18 Months	5 Years

4. The complete bid document can be viewed/downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Kerala Government **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** from 19/08/2020 to 05/10/2020 (up to 16:00 Hrs. IST).Bids received online shall be opened on same day 05/10/2020 (at 16.30 hours IST).
5. Bids received through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, EMD, tender fee, Power of Attorney, joint bidding agreement, etc. need to be submitted physically by the Bidder at KSTP office on or before **05/10/2020**(up to 16:00 hours IST). Please note that the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.
6. The address for communication is as under:
Project Director, Kerala State Transport Project, Project Management Team, T.C.11/339, SreeBalaBuilding,Keston Road, Nanthancode, KowdiarP.O., Thiruvananthapuram–695003, www.kstp.org.in ,**e-mail**:pdkstp@gmail.com, cepmtkstp@gmail.com,

Sd/-
Project Director, KSTP

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
433.15 ▼	Sensex	37,877.34	₹17.4 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,287.4	₹329 ▲	Per kg	₹67,768	▼ Dollar	74.90
122.05 ▼	Nifty	11,178.40	₹17.3 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,266.2	₹3.3 ▲	Per gm	₹67.8	▼ Euro	88.55

SC seeks details on RCom, RJio spectrum deal

Bench asks whether those using spectrum assets of bankrupt telcos are liable for dues

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

SUPREME Court proceedings in the crucial AGR case took a turn on Friday that may well lead to Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio getting stuck with part of the AGR liabilities of brother Anil Ambani's insolvent Reliance Communications (RCom).

At the hearing, the bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra, S Abdul Nazeer and MR Shah sought details on which companies are currently using the spectrum assets of insolvent telecom license holders such as RCom, Aircel and Videocon Telecommunications. The bench observed that since spectrum was a public asset, whichever company is using it could be liable to pay statutory dues on the same.

"We have directed them (parties) to place on record the information relating to Agreement entered into with respect to using of spectrum by the respective parties. In the case of RCOM, its spectrum of 800 MAZ is being used by Reliance Jio from 2016. Let the agreement entered into between the parties be placed on record," the bench said in its Friday order.

Industry sources say that if the court decides on such a course, it may well lead to a significant portion of the over ₹40,000 crore in pending taxes, interest and penalties owed by these bankrupt firms having to be paid by whichever company was using the spectrum. For instance, Reliance Jio has been using RCom's spectrum assets through a spectrum sharing agreement since 2016, a point that was raised by the bench. "Why should Jio not pay dues when it is using the spectrum for the last three years," Justice Mishra asked Jio's legal counsel K V Viswanathan.

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>
> Supreme Court order

The bench also queried the government's counsel on whether secured creditors can take precedence when sovereign rights for a natural resource—spectrum in this case—are transferred. While Jio's counsel submitted that it has paid all its statutory liabilities, it sought time to file a response. The Department of Telecom has also been asked to file an affidavit before the next hearing on August 17.

Trade balance back to a deficit in July

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S trade balance resumed its long-term trend of posting a deficit in July, at $4.8 billion, after it had recorded a rare surplus of $790 million during the previous month. The surplus was the first India had seen in almost two decades, driven by a sharp fall in imports due to general demand destruction.

However, July figures show the surplus may have been a one-off. Data released by the commerce ministry on Friday shows that shift back to a deficit in July was driven by a sequential rise in imports as demand normalised, even as exports did better, falling by a lower 10.2 per cent.

According to the ministry, imports dipped 28.4 per cent in July year-on-year as against 47.59 per cent in the previous month. Among the 30 major items, imports of only fruits and vegetables (2.95%), pharmaceuticals (22%), project goods (79.9%), fertilisers (7.8%) and gold (4.2%) turned positive. Oil imports declined by 31.97 per cent to $6.53 billion. Within exports, 16 out of 30 major items were in the positive territory. The better performance of exports was led by a growth in exports of engineering goods (8.5%), pharmaceuticals (19.5%), iron ore (39.6%), rice (48%) and cotton yarn (7.4%). However, a sharp contraction was seen in exports of petroleum items (51.5%), gems and jewellery (49.6%), leather (27%), marine (20%) and readymade garments (22.1%). "Resumption of business activities across the country and order enquiries from almost all major economies like US, EU, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand which has helped in bringing the exports sector to almost 90% of the level in July 2019," said FIEO President Sharad Kumar Saraf.

Imports show marginal improvement

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Exports saw engineering goods (8.5%), pharma (19.5%), iron ore (39.6%), rice (48%) and cotton yarn (7.4%) all grow in July.

However, global trade forecasts remain gloomy, which the industry saying there is an urgent need for a special revival package for exports.

REFORMS AIM TO ELIMINATE TAX HARASSMENT

The Centre's roll out of a revamped tax system on Thursday focuses almost entirely on removing the possibility of any direct harassment of honest taxpayers on the part of officials. While the faceless assessment and review services seek to remove face to face contact altogether, the taxpayers' charter tries to set down the responsibilities of both the authorities and the taxpayers. Here's a look:

FACELESS ASSESSMENT AND APPEAL

■ Selection of cases only through the computer system using data analytics and AI ■ Territorial jurisdiction abolished, dynamic jurisdiction introduced ■ Cases to be allocated at random through an automated process ■ Central issuance of notices with Document Identification Number ■ No physical interface or need to visit the I-T office ■ Team-based assessments & reviews ■ Draft assessment order to be made in one city; reviews held in another city; and finalised in a third centre ■ Two-third of departments manpower to be utilised for faceless service functions

TAXPAYERS' CHARTER I-T Dept to be committed to:

■ Provide fair, courteous, and reasonable treatment ■ Treat taxpayers as honest unless there is a reason to believe otherwise ■ Provide a mechanism for appeal and review ■ Provide timely decisions ■ Collect the correct amount of tax ■ Respect the privacy of the taxpayer ■ Maintain onfidentiality ■ Hold its authorities accountable ■ Enable representatives of choice ■ Provide mechanism to lodge complaints ■ Provide a fair and just system ■ Publish service standards and reports periodically ■ Reduce compliance costs

TAXPAYERS EXPECTED TO

■ Be honest and compliant ■ Be informed ■ Keep accurate records ■ Know what their representatives do on their behalf ■ Respond in time ■ Pay on time

IHH rebrands Fortis in effort to erase past associations

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Board of Directors of Fortis Healthcare has given its in-principle approval for a change in the name and branding of the Company and its subsidiaries. After necessary approvals, the hospital business of Fortis will be known as "Parkway".

The rebranding decision was taken since the current brand license agreements expire in April/May 2021, and, most importantly, to reinforce the complete disassociation of the company from its erstwhile promoters.

Ravi Rajagopal, Chairman, Fortis Healthcare said, "This is the culmination of the extensive overhaul and strengthening of the governance processes initiated by the reconstituted Board in 2018, and is a reinforcement of our efforts to completely disassociate ourselves from the erstwhile promoters of the Company."

Owing to various legal cases against its former promoters, the Singh brothers, Fortis Healthcare as a brand has earned a lot of negative publicity in recent times. Even as IHH acquired a 31 per cent controlling stake in Fortis in 2018, a Supreme Court case filed by Japanese pharmaceutical firm Daiichi Sankyo has kept the hospital chain's full acquisition on hold for a while now.

The "Parkway" brand is already owned by IHH Healthcare, which operates more than 15,000 licensed beds across 78 hospitals in 10 countries worldwide.

"Subject to requisite approvals and directions from the Supreme Court of India and the receipt of all requisite corporate and other approvals as may be required, the Company and its subsidiaries propose to, discontinue the use of 'Fortis', 'La Femme' and 'SRL' as part of their corporate name, brand and logo," Fortis Healthcase said in a statement on Friday.

RESULTS

INDIAN BANK NET PROFIT UP, ASSET QUALITY IMPROVES

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

CHENNAI-headquartered public sector lender Indian Bank, which was merged Allahabad Bank from April 1 this year, reported ₹369 crore in net profit and ₹2,753 crore in operating profit for the first quarter of FY 2020-21 (Q1FY21). This is the first financial results announced after the merger.

The bank's numbers for the quarter shows a marginal one per cent year-on-year (YoY) rise in net profit. However, according to senior bank officials, these numbers are not comparable with standalone net profit for the same period of the previous fiscal year due to the merger.

Padmaja Chunduru MD & CEO, Indian Bank said, "This is a very satisfying performance in the first quarter post amalgamation. The key parameters of income, cost efficiency and profitability have improved. Asset quality has improved. The bank has made upfront provisions in 2 accounts and contingency provisions for Covid-19. The accounts under moratorium constitute above 23 per cent and there is very good progress being made on the collection front, month on month. The amalgamation is going on track and we expect to complete it in the current financial year,".

The total income of the lender for the quarter under review grew by 8 per cent to ₹11,447 crore from ₹10,580 crore in Q1FY20.

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> Padmaja Chunduru, CMD, Indian Bank

Even net interest income climbed 17 per cent to ₹3,874 crore as against ₹3,316 crore in the corresponding quarter ended June 30, 2019. The Operating profit of the bank grew by 23 per cent to ₹2,753 crore from ₹2,234 crore in the same period last year.

Meanwhile, the lender's provision coverage ratio improved to 80.52 per cent as against 74.35 per cent in Q1 FY20. Excluding technical write offs, this figure improved to 68.09 per cent from 64.35 per cent as at the end of June 2019.

The bank's gross NPA ratio stood at 10.9 per cent in the first quarter of 2020.

Prestige's net profit plunges 99% in Q1

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU-based realtor Prestige Estates Projects Ltd's net profit for the first quarter (Q1 FY21) has plummeted by 99 per cent to ₹1.6 crore, compared to ₹115.3 crore for the same period of the previous year, as the Covid-19 outbreak and subsequent lockdowns hit revenues hard.

According to the company's stock exhange filings, its net profit for the previous quarter Q4 FY20 was recorded at ₹15.4 crore. The company's board of directors said in a statement that the pandemic and lockdowns slowed down or suspended its operations for a part of the quarter and have adversely impacted the financial results.

Total income from operations for the period was ₹1,296 crore against ₹1,567 crore a year ago. "The management has also made a detailed assessment of the progress of construction work on its ongoing projects during the lockdown and has concluded that the same was only a temporary slowdown," Prestige said.

Covid impact sinks auto sector earnings

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FOUR of India's biggest Auto companies—Hero MotorCorp, Eicher Motors, Motherson Sumi and Ashok Leyland—have all reported either a net loss or a steep fall in profit during the first quarter (Q1FY21). In fact, except for Hero, the other three recorded a net loss. The industry has collectively blamed the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns for the tepid performance.

Hero MotoCorp's standalone net profit plunged 95.12 per cent to ₹61.31 crore against a net profit of ₹1,257.34 crore a year ago. Revenue from operations stood at ₹2,971.54 crore, down 63 per cent. Auto components maker Motherson Sumi (MSSL) reported a consolidated net loss of ₹1,191.65 crore.

Similarly, Royal Enfield maker Eicher Motors, which hadn't had a negative bottom-line over the last decade, also posted a net loss of ₹55 crore for the quarter against a net profit of ₹452 crore in the same period last year. Eicher's revenue from operations declined 66 per cent. Eicher Motors' share price crashed over 7 per cent to ₹20,124 on the BSE on Friday.

Vinod K. Dasari, CEO, Royal Enfield said that the initial consumer sentiment over the past two months has been very encouraging. "There is pent up demand and we are optimistic about stronger recovery once supply chain stabilizes," he said. MSSL Chairman Vivek Chaand Sehgal said that even though the first quarter was a washout, economies have started witnessing green shoots of recovery. "In quarter two, a stronger demand is being seen," he noted.

Tata Group likely to submit bid for Air India this month

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN what may come as a relief to the Government of India, the Tata Group is likely to make a formal bid for debt-laden national carrier Air India by the end of the month, according to reports. The government has been trying to divest its stake in the loss-making carrier since last year, with a new divestment process for the firm initiated on January 27.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has extended the deadline for the submission of initial bids a couple of times. In June, the Centre extended the deadline to submit an EoI (expression of interest) till August 31 because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Now, as per a report published in a financial daily, the Tata Group has already started due diligence and could submit it close to the official deadline at the end of this month.

At present, the Tata Group runs two airlines in India—the premium Vistara and budget carrier AirAsia India—in partnership with foreign carriers. While there have been multiple reports that Tata may merge its stake in AirAsia and Air India into a single entity, the Group hasn't confirm on the speculations yet. Tata is already said to have engaged top legal firms and consultants to seek their opinion before making a formal bid for Air India, but many experts believe the privatisation process could be time consuming.

NO NEW PLANTS

Companies such as Xiaomi, LG, Sony, TCL and Samsung have no plans to set up fresh production lines in India for big-screen TVs

PREFER LICENSES

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Late import permits to hit festive TV demand

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

THE unavailability of import licenses for high-end television sets and blocking of import of goods, especially those from China, may derail crucial festive plans.

Companies such as Xiaomi, LG, Sony, TCL and Samsung have no plans to set up fresh production lines in India for big-screen, premium models immediately and most have instead applied for import licences. So far, however, there isn't much clarity about when they will get them—meaning TV sets of 80 inches and above could be missing from both offline and online stores during the festice sale season that will begin September-end, industry executives fear.

"We are awaiting a response on our licence application but we also want to ensure that our demand flow isn't impacted because of non-availability of the license," TCL India general manager Mike Chen told this publication. He added that it has already placed an order for 5 lakh units and put together three local factory partnerships following the recent imposition of import curbs in order to meet festive season demand.

Currently, TV is one of the larger categories under the Appliance and Consumer Electronics segment, with a market size of almost ₹25,000 crore. About 35 per cent of TVs sold in India are imported. On July 30, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) had issued a notification placing imported colour TV sets from the free to restricted category in order to encourage local industry.

Sector executives, however, say that 70-80 per cent of the components that go into making TVs are still imported. "For a self-reliant India, we need to have a complete ecosystem of value addition. Currently, India does not have an alternative other than China," said Avneet Singh Marwah, CEO, Super Plastronics.

Meanwhile, the Centre's stricter import policy has led to at least 21,700 large TV sets worth ₹500-600 crore stuck at at various ports, pending DGFT clearance, ICEA Chairman Pankaj Mohindroo says.

EXPRESS READ

GoAir brings back Kaushik Khona as CEO

New Delhi: GoAir on Friday again appointed Kaushik Khona as Chief Executive Officer in place of Vinay Dube, as the struggling budget carrier changed its CEO for the third time in less than two years. Khona was at the helm of GoAir from April 2009 to June 2011. His appointment also comes at a time when the carrier is facing strong headwinds in business, mainly due to a slump in passenger demand and flight operations being hit by the pandemic.

United Breweries posts Q1 net loss of ₹114.50 cr

New Delhi: United Breweries Ltd on Friday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹114.50 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, on account of decline in sales due to the pandemic. The company had posted a net profit of ₹164.69 crore during the April-June quarter of the previous fiscal, United Breweries Ltd (UBL) said in a regulatory filing. Its revenue from operations slipped 73.17 per cent to ₹1,262.82 crore during the quarter under review.

India's FY21 GDP to shrink 6%: Barclays

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA could witness a negative economic growth rate of six per cent in the fiscal year 2021, but grow at a healthy growth rate of seven per cent in 2022, as per Barclays.

The investment bank has revised downwards its growth forecast for India for the ongoing financial year from 3.2 per cent earlier as the slack in economic activity persists due to localised lockdowns, weak aggregate demand and the modest pace of policy support. Also, the rising number of Covid-19 cases, both geographically and in terms of the resolution period, is weighing on recovery prospects, it added.

The Atmanirbhar Bharat relief package is helping support the rural economy, but not much beyond, and similarly the monetary policy support is present, but not necessarily increasing, it noted.

"A relatively large part of the package had components of liquidity support and had also incorporated off-balance sheet spending in the form of food transfers to make up for lack of spending firepower in the system. The actual spending that would have hit the fiscal bottom line was only around ₹2.1 lakh crore (~1% of GDP), but it is encouraging to see several programs under implementation, especially for the rural economy," it added.

Arsenal sign Willian on free transfer

Arsenal completed the signing of Willian on a three-year deal on Friday after the Brazilian winger's contract at Chelsea expired. The 32-year-old won two Premier League titles, an FA Cup, a League Cup and the Europa League during seven years with the Blues, but moves across London on a free transfer with Chelsea unwilling to offer the multi-year contract he desired.

JUMBO TEAM READY FOR KING'S LANDING

KXIP head coach Kumble's priority is to bring down anxiety and create a stress-free atmosphere in bio-secure bubble

CSK's star man MS Dhoni arrives at Chennai airport on Friday | ASHWIN PRASATH

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

'I miss you' read India player, KL Rahul's Instagram post mid-July with him staring at his helmet and cricket kit on the floor. That was more or less a common feeling among India cricketers, who have been out of action for more than five months. With Indian Premier League set to begin in the UAE from September 19, they will be itching to resume competitive cricketing activities.

The 13th edition of the league is going to be challenging, in terms of getting players match-fit and also getting them in good mental shape in the coming weeks with strict protocols in place. For such things, the work of the support staff becomes crucial. "One needs to look at the anxiety factor. Everybody is anxious, they want to play. You have to sort of pull them back as it has been four months or so of not doing enough for you to go actually out there and put in 100 per cent straight away from Day 1," Kings XI Punjab head coach and director of cricket operations Anil Kumble said.

"The advantage is that we have enough experience in the support team with Andrew Leipus (physio) and Adrian (Le Roux, strength and conditioning coach), who understand these situations. It is going to be tough for players to get into their match readiness. We will build onto it. That is the most important aspect, make sure that they cope with anxiety and be ready."

The KXIP players from Karnataka, including Rahul and Mayank Agarwal among others, have started their practice at Just Cricket Academy in Bengaluru. The team will fly to UAE on either July 20 or 21. Even before teams take their flight, franchises will test players around three times. Also, players and support staff have to produce a negative Covid-19 certificate, which has been issued 96 hours before landing in UAE and after which they will have to remain in hotel quarantine for six days too.

And once inside the bio-secure environment, players cannot go in and out during the tournament, cutting their physical interaction with the world outside. KXIP is working ways to involve everyone around the time via some fun activities.

"Being inside a bubble is a big challenge," said Kumble. "It is for a long duration and I am sure sometimes you will have to egg the players on as it is not easy to live in a bubble. We are trying to build some fun activities and bond exercises, at the same time make sure that each one gets what they want to be ready for the match. We have to ensure that they are in a happy space."

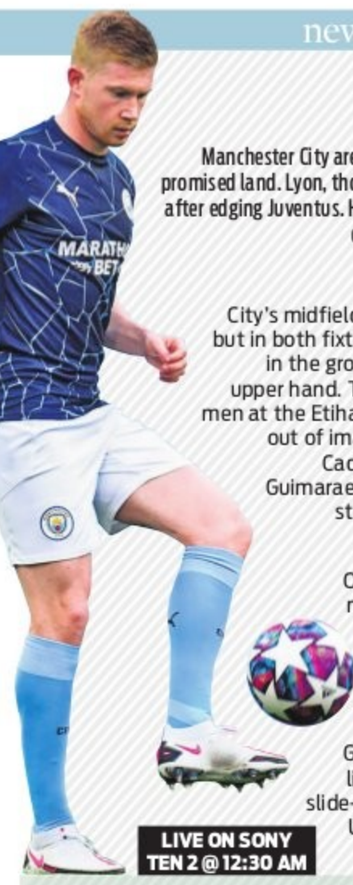
With the off-field challenges in place -- new for everyone in the IPL – the players' primary job is to ensure that they deliver on the ground and help win matches. With the new normal, it is all about adapting to different situations, which is a hallmark for all athletes.

"As cricketers, the good thing is that you have an opportunity to play in a safe environment where we are minimising any risk that is there. It is new to all of us and all players will also adapt and as sportsmen, you have to adapt in whatever situation you are in," said Kumble, who feels that the entire team has to remain as a family for the next three months.

IPL SPONSOR BIDS

Tata Group, Unacademy and Dream11 are among those to have submitted 'Expression of Interest' to become the title sponsor of IPL this year. Friday was the last date of submission. The 2020 edition contract will be awarded on August 18. The highest bidder might not get the deal unless the BCCI is satisfied. It is to be seen if anybody comes close to ₹440 crore, what Vivo used to give every year.

DO-OR-DIE



Manchester City are three matches away from reaching the promised land. Lyon, though, will strain to keep the dream alive after edging Juventus. Here's some talking points from the last quarterfinal of the Champions League...

MIDFIELD BATTLE

City's midfield don't get bossed around usually but in both fixtures against the same opponents in the group stages last year, Lyon held the upper hand. They, in fact, beat Pep Guardiola's men at the Etihad, a result they will believe is not out of imagination. The triumvirate of Max Caqueret, Houssem Aouar and Bruno Guimaraes do have the technical quality to stage one of the upsets of the year.

DE BRUYNE FACTOR

One player who missed both those matches last year was the Belgian (*in pic*). He has been in some form this year and he will be the chief architect in City's midfield. His mere presence lifts the players around him. With Gabriel Jesus and Raheem Sterling likely to play in front of him, those slide-rule passes could catch the Ligue Un side out if they are not careful.

LIVE ON SONY TEN 2 @ 12:30 AM

TYLER-MADE WIN FOR LEIPZIG

LISBON: Leipzig stunned Atletico Madrid 2-1 on Thursday to reach the Champions League semifinals for the first time as Tyler Adams' 88th-minute winner earned them a showdown with PSG. Atletico looked to have secured extra-time at the Estadio Jose Alvalade when Joao Felix won and then scored a penalty to cancel out Dani Olmo's headed opener early in the second half.But Adams proved an unlikely hero for Leipzig, coming off the bench to snatch victory. The win marks an historic night for Leipzig, who were only formed 11 years ago and played their first ever season in Germany's top flight in 2016.

EXPRESS READ

Pakistan's Rizwan frustrates Eng with fine fifty

Southampton: Mohammad Rizwan frustrated England with an unbeaten fifty on Day 2 of the second Test at Southampton on Friday. Pakistan were 223/9 when bad light -- despite the Ageas Bowl floodlights being on full beam -- led to an early close of the second day. Wicketkeeper Rizwan was 60 not out. Pakistan were in danger of being dismissed for under 200 at 176/8. But Mohammad Abbas, two off 20 balls, gave Rizwan staunch support in a partnership of 39 before he was lbw to Stuart Broad. In overcast conditions, suited to England's pace attack, Pakistan did well to get through the hour's play that was possible in the morning after a rain delay without losing wickets as they reached lunch on 155/5.

Brief scores: Pakistan 223/9 (Rizwan 60 n.o, Anderson 3/48, Broad 3/56) vs England.

Lack of international outing concern for Bajrang and Pooja

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THE Asian Championships in New Delhi in February was the last international event for Indian wrestlers before the Covid-19 pandemic led to the postponement or cancellation of all meets. This break is sowing seeds of doubt in their minds.

Ace wrestlers Bajrang Punia (65kg) and Pooja Dhanda (57kg) feel lack of international exposure has had an impact on their game. "I did not miss training even for a day. Despite that, I cannot measure my progress because there is no competition," said Bajrang during a webinar organised by Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) on the occasion of its second anniversary.

For Pooja, the break has been even longer, as her last international appearance was in Kazakhstan last September. "The mindset is fixed one-and-a-half months before a competition and the body responds in a certain manner. Not having competitions is impacting the game," the 26-year-old said.

The 2018 World Championship bronze medallist is glad that the Olympics got postponed for a year. "I have the World Championships (rescheduled to December) in mind. I am confident of qualifying for the Olympics."

Vikas headed for US

Boxer Vikas Krishan plans to head back to the US pro circuit next month. "My first target of qualifying for the Olympics is fulfilled. I am four months into training for professional bouts. I will come back in January-February."

IIS CEO Rushdee Warley and Manisha Malhotra, head of Sports Excellence & Scouting at JSW Sports, also spoke during the webinar.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Tender Only)

Mysore Dist. Co-Op Ltd Milk Union Ltd., Mysore Invites tender from eligible Tenderers for the Supply of the following materials / services through e-procurement portal. For the tender document please visit e-procurement platform at **www.eproc.karntaka.gov.in**.

1) Tender No: KMF/2020-21/IND8444. Items(Details): Union intends to invite tender for Supply of Firewood on Annual Rate Contract Basis.

2) Tender No: IFT No: 100-278/MYMUL/PUR/2020. Items (Details): Union intends to invite tender for Co-packing of Milk & Curds in Chennai (inclusive of Processing, Pasteurizing, Standardizing, Homogenization, Packing, Refrigeration and Dispatch) in sachets on Biennial Rate Contract.

Last Date for Submission of Tender : **11.09.2020 before 5.00 PM.** For further information please contact Purchase Department Manager (purchase) during working hours. (Mobile No: 7760968472).

Sd/- Managing Director

Government of Karnataka
Zilla Panchayat Chikkaballapur
Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Department, Chikkaballapur

Short Term E-Procurement Notification No:18/2018-19 Date: 20.02.2019
Amendment Short-Term E-Procurement Notification No:18(1)/2018-19 Date: 31.12.2019
Amendment Short-Term E-Procurement Notification No: 18(2)/2018-19 Date: 05.02.2020
Amendment Short-Term E-Procurement Notification No: 18(3)/2018-19 Date: 12.08.2020

Dates of Package No-02 are postponed as per below dates

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka Chikkaballapura Division has invited tenders under Double Cover system for below mentioned Class Works registered in Public Works Department under different Account Head from eligible bidders enrolled under Panchayath Raj Engineering Department, Karnataka. For Details and for submitting tender visit E-procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. as follows

1	Last date for submitting application and filling Schedule-B on the E-Procurement website	11.09.2020 at 16.30
2	Technical Bid Opening Date	14.09.2020 after 11.30
3	Financial Bid Opening Date	20.09.2020 after 11.30 if possible
4	Application Fees (Non-Refundable)	As per e-procurement rules

DIPR/CHIKKABALAPURA/112/2020-21

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E Dept., Chikkaballapura

KARNATAKA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED
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KRIDL invites tenders through e-bidding from Nationalized / Scheduled Commercial Banks for investments of Fixed Deposit for period of one year. Other terms and conditions may be viewed on e-Procurement **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 15.08.2020.**

Sd/- Managing Director

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ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **52.63** ಲಕ್ಷ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **1.32** ಲಕ್ಷ, ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ: **90** ದಿನಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಹಿತ), ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: **3**ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲಿನ.

(1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal: **17.08.2020 to 01.09.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs. (2)** Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **27.08.2020. Time : 11.30 Hrs. Venue: O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Po: Habbuwada, Karwar-Uttara Kannada Dist. (3)** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **01.09.2020 Time : 16.30 Hrs. (4)** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **02.09.2020 Time : 17:00 Hrs. (5)** Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್
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DIPR/ADK/MCA/284/20-21 dt.14.8.20

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT
Salem District
Jal Jeevan Mission 2020-21
SHORT TERM ELECTRONIC RE TENDER NOTICE
Re Tender Roc.No. 1427/2020/A3 Dt.13.08.2020.

1. For details, visit **www.tntenders.gov.in**
2. e-Bids are invited by Additional Director/Project Director, DRDA, Salem District of Tamil Nadu state under Two Cover System for **Jal Jeevan Mission 2020-21**.
3. The Bid documents can be downloaded from www.tntenders.gov.in on free of cost and it can be downloaded from the date **15.08.2020 to 25.08.2020**
4. The Last Date and Time for downloading and submission of e-bid Documents up to **25.08.2020- 03.00 pm**
5. Date and Time of online opening of e-bid documents will be held on **25.08.2020 -04.00 pm @ DRDA Office, Salem.**

Additional Director/Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Salem.
DIPR/3048/TENDER/2020

सीएसआईआर– राष्ट्रीय अंतर्विषयी विज्ञान तथा प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान
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No. NIIST/65/ESD-C/E-NIT (4)/2020-21 Dated: 14-August-2020

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

निदेशक, सीएसआईआर – एनआईआईएसटी, तिरुवनंतपुरम में, – एनआईआईएसटी गेस्ट हाउस बिल्डिंग के लिए, अतिरिक्त कमरों का निर्माण', एसएचः सुइट कमरे में फॉल सीलिंग, आंतरिक साज–सज्जा और सेवा से संबंधित कार्य के लिए । आइटम दर ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करते हैं / The Director, CSIR – NIIST invite Item Rate e-tenders for the work of "Construction of Additional Rooms for Guest House Building at NIIST Campus, Thiruvananthapuram. SH: Providing False ceiling in suit Rooms, Internal furnishing and service related works.

पीएसी/PAC=Rs.1351330/-|ईएमडी/EMD=Rs.27030/-, निविदा प्रसंस्करण शुल्क / Tender Processing Fee=Rs.590/-|अवधि / Duration=3 महीने months.

निविदा दस्तावेज डाउनलोड की अंतिम तिथि **24/08/2020** है। पात्रता, टी एंड सी, विस्तृत एनआईटी, टेंडर, कोरिगेंडम आदि के बारे में विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए कृपया ई–टेंडरिंग पोर्टल **http://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app.** पर लॉग इन करें।

Tender document download End date is **24/08/2020.** For detailed information regarding Eligibility, T & C, Detailed NIT, Tender, corrigendum etc., kindly log on e-Tendering portal **http://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app.**

प्रधान, ईएसडी / **Head, ESD**

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Date:14.08.2020

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

CESC, Mysore invites tender from eligible bidders for supply of the following services:

Sl.No.	Enquiry No.	Description
1	CESC/GM(P)/C2 – 4797 / 14.08.2020	Installation of Any Time Payment (ATP) machines and providing Mobile ATP devices on Build, Own Operate & Maintenance (BOOM) basis.

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal http//www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 20.08.2020 For clarification contact help desk 080-46010000/22631200 or e-mail address support@ihelpdsk.com.

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912
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Date : 12/08/2020

CORRIGENDUM -1

Ref :Tender No. BARC/RMP/AM/VR/2020/05

Name of work : Collection of FIM, Fabrication of P-arm assembly as per drawing, Inspection, and supply of P-arm assembly to BARC, Mysuru.

With reference to the above tender please note the following:

Description in Tender	Indicated in existing Tender document (NIT)	Revised description (To be read as)
Tender Sale Period	From 30/07/2020 to 14/08/2020 1100 Hrs & 1600 hrs	From 30/07/2020 to 29/08/2020 1100 Hrs & 1600 hrs
Due date & time for submission of Tender	28/08/2020 at 1500 Hrs	14/09/2020 at 1500 Hrs
Date & time for opening of Tender	15/09/2020 at 1515 Hrs	15/09/2020 at 1515 Hrs

All other conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
BARC, Mysuru
For & on behalf of President of India

INDIAN RAILWAYS
"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION" Proforma 10-01

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Proforma 10-02

INTRODUCTION OF AC 25 kV TRACTION
"WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

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TMCAland/SFC Incentive/2017-18 Date: 12.08.2020

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(As per KTTP Act-1999 & Rule 2000)

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1) Name of Work: 1) Head of A/c: SFC Incentive 2017-2018. Indent No: 101947 Rs.100.00 Lakhs, Indent No: 101948 Rs. 100.00 Lakhs. 2) Amount of Tender: Rs.1.00 Lakhs to 100.00 Lakhs. 3) Contractor Details: Class-1 and above (Civil). 4) Tender Amount: Rs.1.00 Lakhs to 100.00 Lakhs. 5) Tender Application and EMD Amount: As per E-portal. 6) Last date for submission of Tender through E-portal : 12.08.2020 to 29.08.2020 upto 17.00 PM. 7) Opening of Technical Bid: 01.09.2020 after 11.00 AM. 8) Opening of Financial Bid: 08.09.2020 after 11.00 AM. 9) Approaching for Further Information place and Telephone Number: TMC Aland Ph: 08477-203440. 10) Internet Address: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in, Website: **www.aland.town.gov.in**

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STRANDED SHIP LEAKS MORE OIL OFF MAURITIUS

Govt response to disaster comes under fire; environmentalists ask why the vessel allowed so close to shore

MARINE CATASTROPHE

PORT LOUIS: A fresh streak of oil spilled on Friday from a ship stranded on a reef in pristine waters off Mauritius, threatening further ecological devastation as demands mount for answers as to why the vessel had come so close to shore.

The Japanese-owned MV Wakashio ran aground on a coral reef on July 25 and a week later began leaking over 1,000 tonnes of oil into a protected marine park boasting mangrove forests and endangered species.

Mauritius declared an unprecedented environmental emergency last week.

France and Japan have responded to the Indian Ocean island's call for help, along with thousands of Mauritians who volunteered day and night to clean sludge from powder-blue waters that have long been a favourite among honeymooners and tourists.

Salvage crews raced against the clock, with the boat threatening to split in two, to pump almost 3,000 tonnes of remaining fuel off the boat.

While the boat's reservoirs were successfully emptied on Wednesday, preventing further devastation, some of the remaining 100 tonnes of oil from the cargo hold began to leak on Friday, according to a statement from the national crisis committee on the disaster.

"According to experts this kind of leakage was expected and is due to the bending and twisting of the vessel," said the statement.

Fisherman Alain Francois said earlier on Friday that "the water has again turned black" around the ship.

Volunteers take part in the clean up operation in Mahebourg on Wednesday | AP

The crisis committee statement said additional booms and equipment had been deployed to contain the spill, and would be joined by a new skimmer vessel soon.

So far more than 700 tonnes of oil liquid waste and 260 tonnes of solid waste sludge and debris has been removed from the ocean.

Volunteers have been asked to stop deploying homemade "booms" stuffed with straw and hair until a structured clean-up plan supervised by experts is formed.

"The aim is to ensure a scientific approach for a prompt rehabilitation of our ecosystem," read the statement.

The spill is an ecological and economic disaster for Mauritius, which relies heavily on tourism.

The government has come under fire for doing too little in the week after the ship ran aground, while experts from the Japanese Nagashiki shipping company, which owns the Wakashio, took three weeks to arrive.

Greenpeace wrote a scathing letter to the ship's owners, saying: "many unanswered questions remain. Why was your vessel sailing so dangerously close to the reef? Why have you done so little since the ship ran aground? What will you do to reduce the damage to the environment, and the pain and suffering of those whose livelihoods depend on it?"

The ship's owner has meanwhile pledged to "sincerely" respond to requests for compensation over damage to the marine environment.

"We are deeply conscious of our responsibility as a party directly involved in the case," said Kiyoaki Nagashiki, president of Nagashiki Shipping.

"Regarding compensation, we plan to deal with the issue sincerely based on applicable laws," the head of the Okayama-based company said in a statement.

Schools should be outdoors as much as possible: Fauci

EXPERT VIEWS

WASHINGTON: School districts developing their plans for reopening for the new academic year should find ways to offer as many outdoor activities as possible, from classes to recess and lunchtime, the nation's top infectious disease expert recommended in an online discussion on Thursday.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, who heads the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, also suggested in his Facebook Live chat with Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo that, on school buses, windows should remain open and students wear their masks as much as possible. "Get as much outdoors as you can. If you look at the superspreader events that have occurred, they're almost always inside," he said, citing major outbreaks at nursing homes, meatpacking warehouses, prisons and weddings and other social events.

And when asked by Raimondo what his recommendation would be for reopening schools, Fauci said states shouldn't take an all-or-nothing approach.

Communities with low virus levels should be allowed to open for in-person classes, while those with higher case counts should focus on remote learning until the rate declines, he said.

"If you want to open schools, do what you need to do," Fauci said. "Close the bars. Wear your masks. Because when you do that, you will bring the infections down." Fauci, who has, at times, found himself at odds with US President Donald Trump's response to the coronavirus pandemic, also praised Rhode Island's efforts to keep its virus caseload relatively low. "You are starting from a very good place," he said, noting Rhode Island is considered among the lowest-risk states, with a testing positive rate of less than 5 per cent for the virus.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Instagram fixes photo bug

DATA NOT DELETED

A bug in Facebook-owned Instagram stopped the photo-sharing app from removing photos and private direct messages from its servers even when the users had deleted those, the media reported. Independent security researcher Saugat Pokharel found that when he downloaded his data from Instagram, his downloaded data contained photos and private messages with other users that he had previously deleted, reports *Tech Crunch*. On Instagram, it takes usually about 90 days for deleted data to be fully removed from its systems. But in Pokharel's case, the Instagram data he had deleted was still there even after more than a year. Pokharel reported the issue to Instagram in October last year via its bug bounty programme. The bug was fixed earlier this month.

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DAY'S DIARY

Tivoli Gardens

An amusement park and pleasure garden in Copenhagen, Denmark, Tivoli Gardens was opened to public on this day in 1843

INSPIRATION

The Tivoli Gardens is one of the oldest operating amusement parks in the world. Creator Georg Carstensen was inspired by the parks and the gardens, he had visited abroad

AT THE PARK

King Christian VIII gave Georg Carstensen a five-year licence to establish Tivoli Gardens. It has restaurants, flower gardens and many amusements rides

HUMAN EXHBITIONS

Tivoli also hosted many Human Exhibitions. The first Human Exhibition in Tivoli was in 1901 with Indians showing the everyday life in India

Niranjan Sudhindras's first film as hero titled Super Star

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Srihari Nataraj, swimmer

I have lived in Bengaluru for 19 years and there are multiple factors that contribute towards my sense of freedom in this lovely city. First, we have a multi-cultural environment and friendly local population. The city also has an innate beauty to it, thanks to its salubrious weather and green environment. Bengaluru also knows how to empower one with knowledge and technology, and the city has a friendly mix of old culture and technological advancements. Lastly, but just as importantly, the variety of cuisines available in the city gives me a sense of oneness with all cultures.

THAT FREE FEELING

There's a lot in Bengaluru that gives its residents ample reasons to soak in the spirit of freedom, be it in the diversity of cuisines and languages, the cosmopolitan crowd or even a simple ride around town...

Illustration
AMIT BANDRE

Sankeerthana Swaminathan, undergraduate student, Mount Carmel College

This city has a lot to offer – quiet early morning walks with the sound of just a few autos, knowing that you can get a biryani and ice cream till 3am. I have freedom to voice my dissent in the spaces that people in Bengaluru have created. The auto driver has just as much freedom to quote a price. This freedom that we have should be exercised to differentiate between right and wrong acts, to collectively approach authorities, and bridge that gap without the fear of being silenced.

Merissa Bose, social media influencer

Before Covid-19, freedom meant being able to go out with my friends and having a good time. Now simple things like taking the bike for a ride around the city, going for a run in the morning, meeting close friends and helping the family with household chores makes me feel free. Bangalore is a cosmopolitan city and there are diverse kinds of people. So there is a little more open-mindedness and acceptance, particularly in the way girls dress and move around. Even though eve-teasing is still rampant, we can, to a large extent, dress the way we want but within limits of modesty.

MD Pallavi, singer and theatre personality

The city is such a beautiful melting pot. There are people from all over the country, there are so many classical traditions and art schools, such vibrant performance spaces and such diversity in the food on the streets.

Nirmala Govindarajan, author and social sector documentarian

I was eight when my parents relocated to Bangalore from Madras. I spent hours in the sprawling sitout in our one-bedroom rented home in Jayanagar, drawing, writing, talking to the birds, trees, also my neighbours. The neighbour to the right spoke Tamil. The neighbours to the left spoke Kannada, and their tenants, Malayalam. The people who lived in the government quarters opposite our home, spoke Telugu. And our house owners spoke Sankethi. I had friends in these homes, and while all of us conversed in English, I was drawn to the diversity of languages that were spoken around me, and in time, picked up a smattering of Kannada, Malayalam, Telugu, Tamil, and Sankethi. Over the years, I have interacted with people from various parts of India and abroad in Bengaluru's culture hubs, picking up smatterings of other tongues like Marathi, Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi, Tulu, French and German. To me, Bengaluru embodies the freedom of expression that diverse tongues bring with them, and the beauty of melding with people from so many different cultures.

Manvita Kamath, actor

It might sound odd but being a foodie, city's food culture signifies freedom to me. It's one city which was always been ahead of its time and has accepted different cultures, which as a result has given us so many choices. But on a serious note, this is one city where people have always lived in harmony. The recent violence in the city was very unfortunate and people need to understand that living in peace and brotherhood comes before any religion.

Neha Bagaria, founder-CEO, Jobsforher

Bengaluru gives women the freedom to 'write my own check', whether they're at a social outing or on a date, to pay up bills, or invest in their own future. This indicates that self-reliance and financial independence is something the city ingrains in them from an early age. It instils in them a combination of humility and a go-getter attitude, which is a characteristic trait that you will see in every person who lives here.

Peter Lalrinsanga, HR professional

Freedom to me is the right to make a choice without any obstruction and the right to live independently without feeling obligated to anyone. As a person from Mizoram, I think of freedom as the right to be accepted regardless of your appearance, roots and religion. These are things I find to be true in Bengaluru, where I have been living for more than 10 years. This city now feels like home away from home.

– Compiled by Team City Express

'Drag'ging issues: In search of freedom and self-expression

• Express Features

There's no better time than August 15 to promote freedom of self-expression in India. This is what motivated Nilay Joshi, who also goes by the performance name of Miss Bhenji, to organise an event for drag performers in India. Called 'All About Me Season 2', the online initiative, scheduled for Saturday, will have performances by nine drag artistes from different cities. "Being a drag performer is just as normal as being any other performer. And since drag queens break gender barriers, it is a form of freedom of expression as well," says Miss Bhenji, who hails from Nagpur. The other performing artistes are Rita Squirter, Bahaar and Seventeen from Bengaluru; Tropical Marca and Glorious Luna from Mumbai; and Betta Naan Stop, Divine Scarlett and Hiten Noonwal from Delhi.

The 45 to 60 minutes long event will have pre-recorded performances by each of them exploring different themes related to Indian culture and drag. "Whenever someone thinks of a drag show, they always associate it with Western culture or RuPaul. But I wanted to bring about a collaboration between the high fashion that is prevalent in the West and Indian music and dance moves," says Miss Bhenji. Her seven-minute performance pays homage to the different divas of Bollywood, while exploring the music and dance of different eras. Divine Scarlett, on the other hand, will create looks from Indian mythology in an attempt to show that drag has always been related to Indian culture.

City-based drag artiste Bahaar, who also runs a men's clothing brand called Destollo Clothing, hopes to pay tribute to divas from the '70s and '80s, like Zeenat Aman and Parveen Babi. "Despite our many years of Independence, the drag community is not free. This show is our way of celebrating the freedom of self-acceptance," says the artiste, who made her drag debut in January. "Nightclubs are closed and all physical shows have been cancelled, including my second performance in April. We hope that through the funds we raise, we can help each other through these times," she adds. While there is no fee for the event, they have been holding a crowdfunding campaign on Impact Guru, and the sum will be distributed among the artistes. In the three weeks since it was started, the campaign has gathered ₹57,000 so far.

The event will be streamed on Miss Bhenji's YouTube and Twitch channels on August 15, 7pm onwards.

Miss Bhenji

Bahaar

CITY READ

Power shutdown in city

There will be power supply interruption from 10.30am to 5.30pm on August 17, in the areas coming under the 66/11KV BTM MUSS of F-11 feeder. The line clear will be taken by BESCOM staff to carry out LT AB cable work. Areas affected include Kodichikkanahalli, Deo Enclave Layout, Anugraha Layout, Gangaparameshwari Nagar, Sri Anjenaya swamy temple and Perody Guru apartment.

MONSOON SPECIAL

Celebrating I-Day with a feast

• Express Features

India is a land with different cuisines, languages and geographies. But the one thing that unites its citizens is its shared love for food. Hotels in the city are ringing in India's Independence Day with delicacies from different parts of India. For instance, DoubleTree Suites by Hilton is coming up with a special menu for dine-in that will be available till August 16, complete with social distancing. Dishes on offer include Chicken Xacuti, Khubani, Jodhpuri Kabuli Biryani and Gobindh Gatta Curry. The Ritz-Carlton has a special weekend dine-in brunch, with dishes like East Indian Fish Curry, Aam Murghi Bombay and Railway Mutton Curry. Four Seasons Hotel has introduced a Bento Box menu for takeaway as well as dine-in. It has dishes like Mangalore Prawn Gassi and Awadhi Dum Biryani and sweet treats like Malai Ghevar, Chhanar Payesh and Ada Pradhaman with coconut milk.

In tune with the times

• G Ulaganathan

Fans of Pt Hariprasad Chaurasia will be in for a treat this Independence Day. You can watch the flute maestro play a special raga, one that will go with the spirit of the occasion, right from your homes through an event organised by banyantreeevents.com. Every year, the firm organises the thematic Barkha Ritu festival in Bengaluru, dedicated to the not-so-common monsoon ragas. This year marks a milestone for them, as they step into their 20th year. Nurturing the rich heritage of Indian classical music, this festival is organised in eight cities every year.

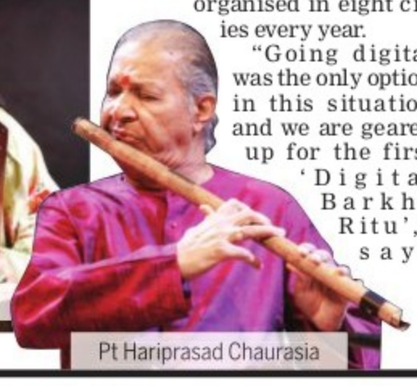
"Going digital was the only option in this situation and we are geared up for the first 'Digital Barkha Ritu'," says Sachin Mane, one of the organisers. There are four episodes starting from August 15. Each episode will feature a studio-recorded new concert of musicians, including the younger generation as well as masters. Mahesh Babu, founder- director of Banyan Tree, says, "This pandemic has brought in a tough time for performing arts. Artistes need our support. This series will be in aid of 'Meri Kala Meri Pehchaan', a project we have created to support folk artistes across India."

All the concerts begin at 6 pm. On August 15, vocalist Ronkini Gupta will perform, followed by Pt Chaurasia. August 16 will bring performances by sarod player Debasmita Bhattacharya and vocalist Pt Venkatesh Kumar. The festival will resume after a 13-day break, on August 29, with performances by vocalist Prasad Khaparde and sitar player Ustad Shujaat Khan . The final day, on August 30, will have Vivek Sonar on flute and Ustad Rashid Khan on vocals.

Tickets available on BookMyShow, where the concerts will be streamed. Priced at ₹200 for single day, ₹500 for all four concerts.

(The author is a city-based dance critic)

Ronkini Gupta



Pt Hariprasad Chaurasia

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

TOMATO THOKKU

INGREDIENTS

- **Tomatoes:** 7, large
- **Tamarind:** a big lemon-sized ball
- **Mustard:** 2tbsp
- **Red chillies:** 20
- **Refined oil:** 1 tsp
- **Gingelly oil:** 3-4tbsp
- **Fenugreek seeds powder:** 1.5tsp
- **Asafoetida:** a one-inch piece
- Salt as per taste

METHOD

- Roast fenugreek seeds and powder them.
- In a mixer jar, put the tamarind and chopped tomatoes. Let it sit for 10 minutes. Add salt
- In a kadai, pour refined oil, 1 tbsp mustard, and red chillies. Add it along with the tomatoes once it splutters.
- Blend into a fine paste without water.
- Now, in the kadai, pour gingelly oil, add mustard seeds and asafoetida.
- Pour this in a microwave-friendly bowl. Pour the tomato paste over it. Close the bowl and microwave for 20-25 minutes. Stir after every ten minutes.
- Alternatively, you can do the same in a cooker. Simmer it and keep it covered.
- Once the it thickens, add fenugreek powder. Cook/microwave for a minute.
- Stays fresh for a week when refrigerated.

TIPS

- You may adjust the number of chillies and number of tomatoes, according to your taste.
- Roast fenugreek seeds, powder them and store in a jar. You can use this every time you make a pickle.

-Radhika Madhavan, Chennai

DOTS AND DESIGNS

CONTRAST RANGOLI

1. Spread navy blue colour in the centre.
2. On that, draw the centre design with white and yellow colour.
3. Next, spread orange colour for the next round.
4. On that, draw petals with white kolam powder and into the petals, draw red anthers.
5. For the next round, spread majenta colour. On that, draw petal designs as shown in the rangoli.
6. For the final round, spread dark green colour for leaves.
7. For the veins of the leaves, use light green colour.
8. As the background (floor colour) of the rangoli is dark, the final outline of the rangoli should be in contrast with that. So I have used yellow colour which will look bright in that background. Yellow colour will also go well with the green leaves.
9. Finish the rangoli with some swirls and dots.

— by Thilagalakshmi Sridharan

BRIGHT SPOT

CLICKS FOR A CAUSE

In genius photoshoots, residents at the Spiritwood Assisted Living in Washington State have been recreating iconic posters from classic movies for two years now. These seniors have been getting fancy with make-up and lights since long before COVID-19 spurred us all to creativity.

The idea to transform seniors into Hollywood stars came to Jennifer Angell in 2018. She's the community relations director at 'Spiritwood at Pine Lake'. Her mission was to combine unique, enjoyable activities for the residents with something purposeful — like raising money for others. The first calendar, of 2019, sold out in just four days. After the Alzheimer's Association posted them for sale on their blog, they raised around $14,000. The 2021 calendar will feature pop icons like Sonny and Cher, Willie Nelson, Andy Warhol alongside historic personalities like Winston Churchill and Eleanor Roosevelt.

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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RAMA RAMA RE...

An escaped death row convict ends up taking a road trip with an old man on a personal mission and a young couple trying to elope.
- Cast: K Jayaram, Nataraj, Dharmanna Kadur

DHOL

Guru falls in love with Priya, who is the sister of a wealthy industrialist, Nanda. When Nanda learns about Guru, he is furious and tries to separate him from his sister.
- Cast: Yogesh, Aindrita Ray, Prakash Raj

SHRAVANI SUBRAMANYA

When Shravani finds out that her boyfriend, Sudeep, is a thug, she attempts to escape from his clutches. Subramanya, a budding singer, tries to save her from Sudeep.
- Cast: Ganesh, Amulya

ANNAMALAI

Annamalai, a milkman, and Ashok, the son of a rich businessman, are childhood friends. However, Ashok's father disapproves of their friendship and attempts to create a rift between the two.

Cast: Rajnikanth, Kushboo, Sarath Babu

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHY WE ALL NEED TO PRACTISE EMOTIONAL FIRST AID BY GUY WINCH

Too many of us deal with psychological-health issues on our own. But we don't have to. Psychologist Guy Winch asks us to take our emotional health as seriously as we take our physical health. He also explores how to heal from common heart aches.

2 THE POWER OF VULNERABILITY BY BRENE BROWN

Brené Brown studies human connection — our ability to empathise, belong, and love. In a poignant, funny talk, she shares a deep insight from her research, one that sent her on a personal quest to know herself as well as to understand humanity.

3 THE JOY OF SURFING IN ICE-COLD WATER BY CHRIS BURKARD

Surf photographer Chris Burkard talks about his obsession with the coldest, choppiest, most isolated beaches on earth. With jaw-dropping photos and stories of places few humans have ever seen — much less surfed — he draws us into his 'personal crusade against the mundane'.

4 EVERY KID NEEDS A CHAMPION BY RITA F PIERSON

Educator Rita Pierson, a teacher for 40 years, once heard a colleague say, "They don't pay me to like the kids." Her response: "Kids don't learn from people they don't like". This talk is a rousing call to educators to believe in their students and actually connect with them on a real, human, personal level.

5 THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF CLASSICAL MUSIC BY BENJAMIN ZANDER

Benjamin Zander has two infectious passions: classical music, and helping us all realize our untapped love for it — and by extension, our untapped love for all new possibilities, new experiences, new connections.

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(REVOLVED SEATED FORWARD BEND POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'parivrtta' means 'revolved' or 'reverse'; 'paschima' means 'back' or 'west'; 'uttana' means 'stretched out'; and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is a seated posture that is both restorative and energising. It activates the Manipura (solar plexus or navel) chakra, which is the body's energy and vitality centre, and opens it to dispel fear and insecurity. Manipura is associated with self-esteem, self-confidence and a sense of purpose. The pose also activates the Muladhara (root) chakra which provides a sense of stability and security.

STEPS

- Sit on the floor with the legs stretched straight in front.
- Keep your knees tight and legs touching each other at the knes, ankles, heels and big toes.
- Exhale, extend your right arm towards the left foot. Twist your right forearm and the right wrist so that the thumb points to the floor and the little finger points up.
- With your right hand hold the outside of left foot. Take a breath.
- Now, exhale, extend your left arm over the right forearm keeping the left wrist up.
- Twist your left forearm and the left wrist so that the thumb points to the floor and the little finger points up. Hold the outside of your right foot and take a breath.
- Exhale, twist your trunk about 90 degrees to the left by bending and widening the elbows. Take a breath.
- Exhale again, move your head between the arms and look up. The back portion of the upper right arm should rest across the left knee. Try and rest the right side ribs on the left thigh.
- Due to the lateral twist of the trunk, breathing will be fast. Hold the pose for about 20 seconds.
- Inhale, release the hands and move the trunk back to its original position.
- Now twist the trunk to the right and repeat the pose for the same amount of time.

BENEFITS

- Calms the mind.
- Stretches the hamstrings, calves, hips, spine and shoulders.
- Strengthens the spine.
- Improves digestion and metabolism.
- Revitalises the entire body.
- Tones the abdomen.
- Massages abdominal organs – liver and kidneys.

LIMITATIONS

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– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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Bantu grows up being constantly subjected to his father's scorn. However, when he learns of his real parentage, he decides to carve a place for himself within the family he truly belongs to.
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ENGLISH/ FOREIGN

MOANA (English)

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As Sophie and her family are busy preparing for her wedding, she secretly invites three men, who were her mother's lovers in the past, with the hope that one of them is her father.
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NIRANJAN SUDHINDRAS'S FIRST FILM AS HERO TITLED *SUPER STAR*

Niranjan Sudhindra

DIRECTOR RAMESH VENKATESH BABU WANTED TO NAME THE MOVIE AFTER ONE OF UPENDRA'S DIRECTORIALS, AND CHOSE *SUPER*

A Sharadhaa

Niranjan Sudhindra's debut film as a hero has been titled *Super Star*. Director Ramesh Venkatesh Babu, who wanted to name the movie after one of Upendra's directorials, chose *Super*, which was released in 2010, suffixing it with 'Star'. The title was launched by Upendra and his wife Priyanka on Friday. According to the director, Niranjan plays as a top dancer who later becomes a superstar in his field, and that's one of the reasons he decided to choose it as the film's title. The makers are coming up with a teaser on August 20 on Niranjan's birthday. The actor, who made his first appearance in *2nd Half* along with Priyanka, undergoes a transformation for this role. One schedule of the shooting has been completed while the rest will resume in October. Apart from directing the film, Ramesh has written the story and screenplay. He is also producing the film under the banner, RVB Cinemas, in association with Mylari Productions. Among the technical crew on board for *Super Star* are music director Raghavendra V, cinematographer Yogi, and editor Vijay M Kumar.

Akshith Shashi Kumar's debut, *Seethayana*, gets ready for release

CE Features

Akshith Shashi Kumar, the son of well-known actor Shashi Kumar, is making a bilingual film debut with *Seethayana*. The movie, made in Kannada and Telugu, will also be dubbed in Tamil. Shooting has been completed, and the project is currently in the final stages of post-production work. It will soon be presented to the censor board. Meanwhile, director Prabhakar Aaripaka is gearing up for the promotions, as he gets ready with the teaser, trailers and lyrical videos, which he plans to release at equal intervals before the release. *Seethayana* stars Anahitha Bhooshan opposite Akshith, and comes with an ensemble cast comprising Vikram Sharma, Hithesh Shetty, Sharmitha Gowda, Ajay Ghosh, Vidhyuklkha Raman, and Meghana Gowda, among others. The film, produced by Lalitha Rajyalakshmi, was shot in a 63-day schedule in various places like Bangkok, Mangaluru, Agumbe, Hyderabad and Vizag. It is said to have a contemporary subject. Padmanabh Bharadwaj has composed the music while Durga Prasad Kolli has handled the camerawork.

A still from *Seethayana*

Bipasha Basu

'We need to create a less judgmental society'

Express Features

In the first 14 years of her career, Bipasha Basu did over 50 films across five languages. At the peak of her career, the model-turned-actor decided to give it all a rest, and now, returns to cinema with *Dangerous*, which will have a direct-to-OTT release owing to the pandemic. "I'm not at all disappointed about the OTT release. I'm just glad that my audience will get to see some content from me after so long," said Bipasha to senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai in the latest edition of Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by The New Indian Express group.

Talking about the diverse roles actors are getting after the advent of digital platforms, she said, "Roles are not limited to age, gender, or a stereotype any more. Even the tag of 'marriage' is not a baggage now." For someone who has been part of blockbusters across genres, Bipasha is proud that her choices have been versatile. "I have done all kinds of films, including women-centric ones. I did one of the first erotic thrillers with Jism. Raaz brought back the supernatural-based thriller genre. Of course, I have done some bad films too, but I have always enjoyed the process," said Bipasha, who shared that she used the break from her film career to concentrate on two of her other interests — fashion and fitness.

"Early in my career, I took my body for granted. I realised then that my improper dietary habits, inadequate rest... took a toll on my health," said Bipasha and added that her mother served as an inspiration. "She is a mother of three, a jack of all trades, but she always took time to take care of her health and beauty. I realised I was not a superhuman, and needed to invest time in self-care."

Bipasha revealed that her path towards better fitness started with the 2005 film, No Entry. "I had put on weight at the time. Since they wanted me to play a dancer, I took to the treadmill. However, I developed osteoarthritis because of wrong posture. That's when I had to understand my body better. I interacted with physios, had trainers, and gradually built muscle to overcome my knee issues. I wanted to impart this knowledge to others," said Bipasha, who is planning to write a book on the importance of being positive in an environment that breeds negativity and fear, especially in times of a pandemic.

With the lockdown in place, self-care has become a huge talking point and there is a vibrant discussion about mental health. "I've had people close to me who have gone through a lot. Empathising with them, hearing them out, and understanding why they behave differently is important. There are professionals well-equipped to deal with these things, and it is important to understand that mental illness can be healed," said Bipasha.

Crediting her partner Karan Singh Grover as an important part of keeping her positive, Bipasha said, "We must stop nurturing the stigma around mental health. This Indian attitude of 'pagal hai' is depressing. It scares people who want to open up. We need to create a softer society that is a little less judgemental."

TIME PASS — CHILL. CHERISH. CELEBRATE

Project Power: An underwhelming exploration of a powerful premise

Sudhir Srinivasan

The premise of *Project Power* is pregnant with possibilities. There's a drug on the streets that's able to bestow superpowers, but only for five minutes. *Project Power* like it wants to tow the mood of films like Kickass and Kingsman—that sweet intersection point between comedy, action and sentiment. But then, it's a film that also tries to do justice to the social angle. It delivers passing commentary on how the government is keeping the whole problem quiet, how heirarchy comes into play, how the education system isn't exactly favourable to everyone... And in the end, *Project Power* turns out to be a film that fails to do justice to any of its objectives. Its depth is merely flavouring, its comedy is barely amusing, its sentiment feels manipulative, and above all, its action doesn't enthrall. It's a pity because the core idea of humans being injected with powers drawn from creatures around the world seems full of magical possibilities. Picture a man with the camouflaging prowess of a chameleon, picture another with the speed of a cheetah. *Project Power* needed to burst with the imagination of good X-Men films. Instead, it settles for the security of template, but without being able to deliver much of the satisfaction inherent in it.

The main characters—Art (Jamie Foxx, who does his best to elevate the mediocre material), Frank (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), and Robin (Dominique Fishback)—are all cardboard cutouts. Art is the father in search of a daughter, Frank is the righteous policeman, and Robin is the emotional anchor. All these characters feel more like manipulative script devices than they do as real people. This is why the big scene when Art's daughter realises her father's coming for her, feels almost like a parody. There's no respite to be drawn from the humour too. In one particularly painful attempt at comedy, Joseph Gordon-Levitt's Frank runs out from the bathroom, pretending to be married to a middle-aged Black woman, trying to scare away some policemen. To paraphrase what Fight Club's Tyler Durden once observantly said, "There's a sick desperation about the comedy."

In a film such as *Project Power*, you would forgive everything, so long as the action sequences alone are worthy of your time. However, save for one set-piece involving Frank and an invisible man, there's precious little. The build-up is all there for Art's big transformation at the end, but when it occurs, you feel nothing. It's not a spectacle either. The premise of this film deserved more than passing one-liners designed to make the film feel deep. Like the interesting observation that all of society's greatest achievements have dark origins. It's an insightful line, but that's where it ends—and by that time, you are wise to this film's feeble tricks. It also doesn't help that the biggest cardboard cutout of them all is the film's villain (Amy Landecker), who feels more like a distraction than the picture of menace she is supposed to be.

My biggest takeaway from *Project Power* is academic. I'm referring to the scene where Jamie Foxx's Art educates you about the powers of a creature called the pistol shrimp, which he claims is more powerful than a lion. Following the film, I read about this creature and found its characteristics to be quite fascinating—a lot more, I dare say, than this film itself.

Director: Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman
Cast: Jamie Foxx, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Dominique Fishback
Streaming on: Netflix
RATING 2/5

Rasika Dugal

I wanted to get typecast: Rasika Dugal

Express Features

An actor plying her trade for more than a decade, Rasika Dugal's career is a hotbed of activity. Her film, *Lootcase*, got released recently; her international TV series, *A Suitable Boy*, is streaming too, and she's awaiting the second season of her hit web-series, *Mirzapur* and *Delhi Crime*. In the latest edition of Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by *The New Indian Express* group, the actor spoke with senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai about her career, her international debut, and her recent avatar as a co-creator of the short film *Banana Bread*.

One of the first people to jump into the web-series space, Rasika noted that the platform has evolved. "It has grown a lot and what I find encouraging is that there's no set formula. We see new faces, and at the same time, those who are established get to benefit too," she said. On actors getting typecast, Rasika responded with an unconventional answer, "I wanted to get typecast because every time someone wrote a particular role, I wanted to think of me. Even if two roles are similar, they can be totally different."

The *Manto* actor shared that she was apprehensive of signing up for *Made in Heaven* for a role she called, "short, yet emotional". "If it wasn't for the reassurances from Alankrita Shrivastava (writer) and the makers, I wouldn't have taken it. I don't find smaller roles exciting any more. My interest is in helping a character evolve over time, paying attention to the character graph and more," said Rasika, and added that's why she chose *Lootcase*. "I got it when shooting *Delhi Crime Season 1*. I wanted something light-hearted as *Delhi Crime* was an intensive experience."

She called working on her new TV series, *A Suitable Boy*, a joy. "Working with Mira Nair was on my bucket list. We spoke about everything from politics to motherhood to scuba diving. We were living in the same hotel for three-and-a-half months, and it made me feel like I was living in a hostel," she said and went on to discuss the series. "I don't remember a time when society was so polarised. There's a fear of engagement now, and that's only increasing. We are expected to make our stance clear in a few loud words. I know we live in a misogynistic society and social media commentary has been proof of that. I did not take it personally and saw it instead as a social study. But it has become worse."

Rasika has spent lockdown time by collaborating with her husband to come up with a short film called Banana Bread. "I didn't really want to write, but I can see the process is time-consuming and demands a lot of patience. Both of us are working on something new now, as a friend who liked Banana Bread showed interest in collaborating with us." Rasika does not see herself turning director. "Being a director is to be God as you need to have a sense of everything—music, rhythm, pacing. I am not sure I am up for it."

Sanjay Dutt to complete *Sadak 2* dubbing before medical break

CE Features

Before taking a break for medical treatment, actor Sanjay Dutt plans to wrap up the dubbing work of his upcoming film, Sadak 2.

"Sanjay will complete the last leg of dubbing for his film 'Sadak 2' by next week, before going on a medical break. He is overwhelmed with the outpouring of love coming his way ever since the news of his illness came out. This support is motivating him even more to give his fans his best through his work," said a source close to the actor and movie.

On August 11, Dutt, who was hospitalised last weekend due to breathing problems and chest discomfort, shared that he is taking a break for medical treatment.

Sadak 2 marks the return of Mahesh Bhatt as director after two decades. The film stars his daughters Alia and Pooja Bhatt.

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